

THE SOUTHWESTER

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JANUARY 1974

PETITION ASKS SAFEWAY TO EXPAND

A petition is being circulated in Southwest asking Safeway to reconsider its decision not to relocate into a new larger store. Anyone who wants to sign, or better still, to circulate the petition, should call Marion Buelken at 393-4293 or 638-0117.

The Mall developer, Charles Bressler, says he wants to go ahead and build a larger grocery store with the necessary loading docks, etc., in hopes that Safeway or some other chain will come in. RLA has not yet given him final approval.

Safeway has said their decision not to expand into a new store is based on "economics" and their concerns for the "character of the neighborhood in the future." The Southwester has learned that the Regional Vice President of Safeway gave as evidence of the character of the neighborhood that "you only have to go across S. Capitol St. and "M" and see the boarded up highrise, now up to the top,--to know that these people are destructive and can't function like citizens in a community." The Southwester assumes he is referring to the Arthur Capper Apartments about 10 blocks away in Southeast which have been vacated by decision of the National Capital Housing Authority!

BUZZARD'S POINT PLANNING PROCESS

On January 10, the SW Citizens Advisory Planning Board met with the Buzzard's Point Property Owners Committee and the Inter-Agency Task Force on S. Capitol Street/Buzzard Point at the SW Library.

The agencies were there in force, and the property owners were represented by their two powerhouses--PEPCO and Steuart Petroleum--but only two stalwarts of the Citizens Board were present--Marion Buelken in the chair, and Terry Maguire.

The audience of citizens was materially strengthened by the dog lobby, led by Betty Pavlik (737-9832), who wants the land just north of the B.P. Marina and east of DOT's office building on the Point for an Animal Control and Education Center. Ms. Buelken assured them that there is nothing in the planning process which would inhibit their going ahead with their efforts to get funds and acquire land, but urged them to keep in touch with the Planning Board.

A vice president of Steuart Petroleum explained that they have 2 oil terminals on the Anacostia, one being the former Gulf terminal in SW. He said they need a waterfront location and don't want to move but will be amenable to public uses, such as bike trails on their land. No one referred to the fact that Steuart's holding out would put an end to the National Park Service-NCPC plan for a public marina under the S. Capitol Street Bridge.

Mr. Crumpler, a PEPCO long-range planner, said their location on the Point is essential to them because of its proximity to their highest load areas, new SW and downtown. They are expanding their investment and are in the process of purchasing additional land. They strongly oppose more restrictive zoning which would force them to seek exceptions whenever they wished to expand. There was considerable comment on PEPCO's shift from their earlier position of no expansion and eventual phase-out of their Buzzard's Point plant. Mr. Maguire asked PEPCO to report back on (1) their current rate of capacity utilization; (2) their future land use plans there.

Mr. Sam Fraser of NCPC said the Interagency Work Program will result in a draft plan for public comment in about 6 months.

THERE WILL BE NO SW ASSEMBLY MEETING IN JANUARY. The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, January 24 at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

LETTERS

To the people of South West,

I would like to thank the people of South West for their vote of confidence in my candidacy during the November D.C. School Board elections. A special thanks to the over one hundred Southwesters who helped me during the campaign. As I get to know the schools of South West better I will be calling upon many of you for help and advice.

Please feel free to call me about any problems or concerns you have about the D.C. Public School system. My office is located at St. Margaret's Church, 1830 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. 20009, phone 234-6664. Or you may reach me via Ms. Jo Butler, phone 785-2444.

(Signed) Bill Treanor

To The Southwester

Gentlemen:

The front page story in the December Southwester has to be answered. As citizens of the Southwest Redevelopment Area, we have been bothered by the haphazard and slow development of the shopping. The shopping is nowhere near what we had been promised to lure us down here.

Finally things seem to be coming to a head, but a bad one. In our view and experience the blame belongs directly on Bressler & Reiner, the so-called developers, and RLA for letting them get away with a botched up job. If this letter is bitter, it is because the promise has been so much greater than the delivery. In addition to doing a disservice to the residents of the area, those businessmen who went in with the promises that Bressler & Reiner made, are sorry and face bankruptcy.

When we approached Mr. Lessor about the possibility of opening up down there, it was obvious right away that the approach was not conducive to the business success of anyone coming down there, so we quickly forgot about it. What annoys us most of all was that among the misinformation that Bressler & Reiner put out was that their mall was way under the rentals in suburban malls. This is just not so. We have opened in the suburbs at a little less than what we were offered for Waterside Mall. Not only that, the prospects for success where we are are a great deal better.

Bressler & Reiner seem to have gotten away with building office buildings where the master plan called for apartments. That is serious enough, but that affects fewer people than the botched up job they have done on commercial development. RLA has sat by and let them do it. Maybe Bressler & Reiner were able to get away with it because of their friendship and/or contributions to former Vice President Agnew. In any case, they and the RLA have let down tens of thousands of citizens of Southwest very badly. We hope at this late date they can find some way to rectify the situation.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Bob Bialek

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PROGRESS ON PARCEL 76 ? ? ? ?

As you may remember, at the May 15, 1973 hearing before the Housing and Urban Renewal Committee of the D.C. Council on the future of Parcel 76, there was conflicting testimony from the public agencies concerned. The Council sent the issue back to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Land Agency asking them to resolve their differences and suggest development controls which would "permit the site to be developed principally for families and individuals of low moderate income."

The staffs responded in a letter to City Council Chairman John Nevius in November.

They are still as far apart as ever on one issue, the construction of a commercial parking garage under the proposed housing. In RLA's view, Parcel 76 is ideally located to meet three distinct but overlapping parking needs; namely, that in the employment area; in the residential area; and in the waterfront area. NCPC says because of environmental issues and the magnitude of present employee and residential parking shortages, they oppose the use of Parcel 76 for commercial parking.

They agreed on the following development controls: (1) to permit residential uses and related uses, including a day care center and housing for elderly persons; (2) to permit development of between 125 and 200 apartments for families and individuals of low and moderate income as defined by current Housing and Urban Development Section 221 Housing Programs, or successor programs serving the same groups; (3) if it is a walk-up apartment development it must have no more than 90 bedrooms per residential acre with a maximum average of 2.0 bedrooms; (4) an elevator apartment development must have no more than 160 bedrooms per acre and a maximum of 1.8 bedrooms per dwelling unit; (5) there must be between 0.5 and 2 parking spaces for each unit. The guidelines also require a certain amount of open space and landscaping. Elevator buildings can't exceed 90 feet.

It is now up to the Council to make its decision on whether Urban Renewal Southwest may at last add to its tiny stock of moderate income housing.

SOUTHWEST FOOTBALL TEAM WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Randall Recreation Center Dolphins won the city-wide 16 to 18-year old football championships by defeating the Sousa Recreation Center team 20 to 0. Joseph Brawner, Greg Shaw and David Reese all scored touchdowns. Their coach is Jay Shorter. A victory banquet will be held at Randall at 6 p.m. on January 31st.

Randall Recreation Center is starting a roller skating program every afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 for 11 to 15-year olds. The director says he hopes this will help keep kids away from the Shopping Mall. Martin Luther King Recreation Center needs soccer players 16 and under. Syphax has judo classes for ages 8 to 17. There's basketball at all centers, ages 12 to 18.

A Valentine's Day Ball will be held at Randall, Friday, February 15. Teenagers can obtain tickets at any area recreation center.

For adults, "Slimastics" at Jefferson Jr. High School Gymnasium, Monday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Parking in rear of school. "Shape your future."

CREDIT UNION PRAISED

The Budget Committee of the American Federation of Community Credit Unions has commended the SW Credit Union staff and board for substantial loan and share growth since March 1973. Figures show share increases of over \$40,000 and a loan growth of over \$70,000. The Credit Union, which is seeking a more central location, is now at 1251 Carrollburg Place, S.W. Phone 488-7142 (new number).

JAZZ and Modern Dance Classes, 240 "M" St., S.W. (E. Bldg. Carrolsburg Sq.).
Jazz, Monday -- Modern, Wednesday.
Beginner, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advance, 7:30 to 8:30. 10 wks. beginning Jan. 28. \$30.00. Write Ms. St. Pierre, 201 Eye St., S.W.

YOGA classes, starting Jan. 22, Tuesday, 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. now underway. 12 - 1-1/2 hour classes \$18; 24 - \$30. \$1.50 per class under special circumstances. South common room, River Park Hirise, 1311 Delaware Ave. Call Helen Gieger, 484-8222 or Linda Putnam, 488-4343.



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SCHOOL AIDES NEEDED

Members of the community interested in becoming involved in the Tri-School's PACTS please contact the Bowen Elementary School, 629-6944. (PACTS, Parents, Administrators, Community, Teachers, Students.)

SW COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Anyone interested in knowing more about the community and meeting the agency representatives who are here to help us, is welcome to attend the Prayer Breakfast which takes place in the hall of St. Matthew's Church at 8 a.m. on the 3rd Friday of every month. Enjoy an excellent home-cooked breakfast!

DO WE WANT RENT CONTROLS?

On January 17 and 18 the D.C. City Council's Housing and Urban Development Committee will hold hearings on the Proposed D.C. Rent Control Regulations. Written statements may be addressed to Mr. Edward B. Webb, Secretary of the Council, within 10 days following the hearing.

FAMILY COUNSELING

Southwest House is offering counseling sessions dealing with such issues as budgeting, birth control, marital problems at 1202 Half St., S.W., from 6:30 to 8:00 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. For more information, call 488-7936 or 488-7210. This is a new program which was set up under the guidance of experts from WTI.

SERVICE AREA COMMITTEE

SAC 9 holds weekly meetings, open to the public, on Tuesdays, at 2 p.m. in SW Branch Public Library. This is an effort to improve the delivery of D.C. government services and to make the departments more responsive to neighborhood needs.

SW LIBRARY ASKS

Do you have a skill or hobby you would like to teach or share with others in the SW community? SW Branch Library wishes to help promote such activities and can provide meeting space and free publicity. Call the Information Desk, 727-1381.

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ASSEMBLY MEETING ON SELF DETERMINATION

SPEAKERS ON THE CHARTER REFERENDUM

February 28th, 1974 - 8 P.M.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - 222 M St., S.W.

Elections ----- Elections ----- Elections ----- Elections

SW Neighborhood Assembly Board
SW Day Care Board

SW Community House Board
SW Citizens Planning Council

The Charter Referendum comes May 7. The warm-up will be our SW community elections held the last week in April. The four community organizations need to re-elect or fill out their boards -- they need volunteers who will give a night or two a month. If you want to help, if you want to work with and become friends with people from all over this neighborhood, put your name in nomination for the Board which interests you. Rev. Carroll Yingling of Christ Methodist Church is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He asks you to phone the church (347-3998 between 8:30 A.M. and 12:30) with your name, address and phone number and the Board which you are interested in serving on. The March Southwester will print the lists of nominees and voting will take place at 10 polling places throughout Southwest from April 20 to 28. (For more on the four organizations, see Page 3.)

Proposed Amendments to the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan:

Bressler and Reiner, the developers of the Waterside Mall, have asked for four changes in the urban renewal plan. The RLA Staff will send out letters to interested parties in the near future. The issue will be discussed by the RLA ten days later, probably in March.

The proposals are: 1) to eliminate the requirement that three residential apartments be placed in the Tower Buildings occupied by the Environmental Protection Agency; 2) to increase the flexibility of requirements for loading zones; 3) to increase the percentage of the site allowed to be covered by buildings (this is necessary to complete the original architect's plan); 4) to allow a department store in the Mall. Saul Finn of RLA will come to the February 28 Assembly Meeting and briefly answer questions. He can be reached at 382-5341 and is willing to come to SW to explain the proposal to any group that invites him. Bulletin! As the Southwester was going to the printers, RLA made public request by the developer for modification of the urban renewal plan to permit some commercial uses in the Town Center apartment building on 3rd Street. These buildings are now entirely residential.

ARTS FESTIVAL

The 5th Annual SW Festival of the Arts will be held Sunday, June 2 (rain date June 9.) Last year's festival not only was fun, but raised \$1,200. Money went to the Day Care Assn. for art supplies, to send a Boy Scout to the Jamboree, to buy musical supplies for Jefferson Jr. High Band, and to supply Big Brothers in SW with photographic equipment. A calendar of the photos will be sold this year. Anyone interested in helping with visual or performing arts, concessions or the white elephant sale call Karen Stull: 484-5471, or attend the next meeting at St. Dominic's Church at 6:30, Thursday, Feb. 28th. Meetings last one hour.



Barbara Sizemore at the Southwest Prayer Breakfast:

Southwesters turned out in record numbers at January's Prayer Breakfast** to hear D.C. Superintendent of Schools, Barbara Sizemore, voice her commitment to changing "the structure of education so that it's compatible with human beings rather than (mass-produced) Ford automobiles." To do this, she advocated flexible scheduling so that students can be brought together in different groups at different times for different purposes. This, she suggested, could be done by varying class-teacher ratios -- instead of one teacher to 20 students for all purposes, it might be 1 to 100 to show a film or give a lecture but 1 to 2 or 3 when the teacher is showing the student how to do something.

She stressed the built-in obsolescence of learning facts -- grammatical rules or 3 x 4 -- "whereas if students were taught concepts in the beginning they could apply them throughout." And she told the story of Einstein keeping the multiplication table on his blackboard with "Please Don't Erase" because, as he explained, he never had been able to memorize it.

She promised a staff development program to assist teachers in adopting the new approaches she had been outlining. And she challenged people's defeatism, pointing out that it's not just the Washington School System which is not educating its children as it should, "not a school system in the country is doing it," but she argued, "Washington is a manageable situation -- fewer pupils, less of a drug problem and without the gangs of some of the other big city systems."

Roberta Patrick asked her her reaction to the Revised Tri-School Proposal which the SW Neighborhood Advisory Council has put to the School Board. Her response was that the Tri-School confirms the traditional structure with 12 age grades and she asked for time to put her more flexible open system to the community; then, she said, the community can decide.

(**Held 8:30 A.M., 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at St. Matthew's.)

EPA AND PARKING:

Chairman Adelaide Eisenmann and members of the SW Assemblies Parking and Traffic Committee met with EPA Director of Federal Activities and other EPA officials to discuss ways in which the Environmental Agency can assist in alleviating the parking congestion in SW. EPA is now funneling about 500 additional employee cars each day into street parking spaces. The officials agreed to assist by: 1) circulating an internal memorandum asking EPA employees not to park on SW streets; 2) requesting from the city a status report on the residential parking permit plan; 3) researching the legal problems such plans have encountered in other cities and solutions to the problems. They also reported that a general GSA directive limiting agency parking spaces to car pools will be put into effect by EPA on March 1. The committee will be interested to know whether this improves the situation or makes it worse.

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OPENINGS are now available in the Southwest Nursery School for children, ages 3 and 4. For information call: 638-4752 or 544-4654.

TO SEND A LETTER, submit news or place an advertisement in The SOUTHWESTER, write to: P.O. Box 8194, Southwest Station 20024.

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Hillary's clothes shop has an expert tailor who will do outside alterations as well as fitting items bought in the store.

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS DO

SW Community House, entering its 51st year, uses United Way and O.E.O. funds to bring desperately needed services to the poor, the children, the aged, the untrained residents of Southwest. It has no "house" as such but operates out of several sites under the capable direction of Leon Fields (488-7210). Its 39-member board needs all types of people -- it currently includes a mental health worker, a teacher's assistant, dance instructor, female police officer, housewives, a NASA scientist, real estate manager, principal of Bowen School, etc. SW Neighborhood Assembly was established in 1958 as the citizens' organization of Southwest. It has no dues and is open to all residents 18 years and older. It functions through assemblies or town meetings, under the leadership of 4 officers elected at large and 11 additional board members elected from the SW census tracts. Its activities are directed at improving public and private services to the neighborhood and encouraging a sense of community. It generated the SW Arts Festival, the SW Day Care Association and the SW Citizens Planning Board, and it publishes the monthly SOUTHWESTER.

SW Day Care Association has two centers in operation, handling 80 children. Its board is composed of 8 mothers of children currently enrolled in the centers, and 7 elected community representatives. The community did a great job in pushing these centers through to reality and should continue to support SWDCA's director, Anne Little, and her staff.

SW Citizens Advisory Planning Board was elected last year to advise the National Capital Planning Commission on drawing up a plan for the development of Buzzard's Point, much of which is underutilized land. The Board got off to a slow start, apparently because NCPC was not ready for them, and some of the members dropped out. Now the government representatives are getting down to serious work and Board Chairwoman, Marion Buelken, is anxious to fill out the Board so that it can function effectively.

SAFeway MEETS WITH SOUTHWESTERS

Six members of the Executive Board of the SW Assembly met with five regional executives from Safeway to discuss problems with our local store. The meeting was requested by Safeway Public Relations in response to community complaints. The Safeway representatives said they wanted to work with the community in improving the store. They said they have no intention of leaving the neighborhood. They said they will improve the store and if they start turning a profit will consider a large expansion. They agreed to work on specific requests raised by Assembly members, including more cashiers, baggers, and carry-out personnel, a greater variety of canned goods, keeping the store cleaner, and setting up a means of accepting complaints or suggestions.

They also promised to express the community desire for expansion to their national headquarters in Oakland. Anyone interested in signing the petitions calling for a larger store can do so at the SW Library. Those willing to circulate a petition call Marion Buelken: 393-4293 or 638-1117.

River Park Scholarship Fund:

River Park's Southwest Affairs Committee is sponsoring a one-year scholarship for a neighborhood High School Senior. Applications will be accepted from high school seniors who live in inner Southwest (north of the Anacostia River), who have a B-minus average in the junior and senior years and plan to attend college in the fall of 1974. The primary basis of selection will be financial need. Any interested student should send his or her name, address, and phone number to Nancy Chisholm, 350 N St., S.W.

Kathy Stief, 335 O St., S.W., is in charge of fund raising.

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New Stores in the Waterside Mall:

The developers say they expect the following new stores to open in the next month: Village Pizza, Stephen's Butcher Shop, Sue Hyon Beauty Salon, and Metro Cleaners. In addition, the record shop is now on the second level and will move downstairs in March. And the SW Credit Union has nearly completed lease negotiations.

Office Space in the Wax Museum:

Many people have asked about the Wax Museum at 4th and E Streets, S.W. RLA says this building will hold the Wax Museum now in Northwest, a 900-car parking garage, and 10,000 square feet of retail space. The garage will probably open this spring -- the museum next winter.

Mini-Bus Service Between Waterside Mall, S.W. and Connecticut and N, N.W.:

The Downtowner bus service has been extended to Southwest. Between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., buses leave every six minutes from the entrance of the Waterside Mall at Makemie Place and K. From there the mini-buses go down 7th Street, past the Freeway, over to 6th to miss Metro construction, back to 7th, down F Street to 14th, over to K and down to Connecticut and N. Coming back, the route is the same except for a detour over to 9th at D Street, N.W., again because of Metro. The fare is 25 cents to go downtown from SW -- 10 cents to come back unless you get on before 14th Street. Bus stops are marked with blue and white signs. The buses are an experiment, run by D. C. Highways and Traffic, from urban mass transit funds.

FREE MOVIES IN THE SW LIBRARY

Tuesday at 10:30

- Feb. 26 -- Shoemaker and Elves
Caps for Sale.
- March 5 -- Madeline's Rescue & Zoo.
- March 12 -- Big Red Barn and Gilberto
and the Wind.
- March 19 -- Shout it out Alphabet and
Toymaker.

Wednesday at 3:30

- Feb. 27 -- Mike Mulligan and His Steam-
shovel, Lentil and Story
about Ping.
- March 6 -- Perils of Priscilla and
Discovering the Music of
Africa.
- March 13 -- The Red Balloon and a
Million Cats.
- March 20 -- J.T. and Five Chinese
Brothers.

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*Nominations.
Another video tape on
Home Rule.*

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS:

The Nominating Committee is completing work on the list of persons who will be candidates for the four neighborhood assembly officers and eleven representatives of the census tracts. The list will be distributed at the March 28th assembly meeting. At that meeting additional nominations can be made from the floor. The final list will be printed in the April Southwester. Voting will take place at 10 polling places throughout Southwest from April 20th to the 28th.

LAST HEARING ON PARCEL '76:

On April 5th, the Housing and Urban Renewal Committee of the D.C. Council will hold hearings on the modifications of the Urban Renewal Plan for Parcel '76 (the vacant land between the S.W. Freeway and Jefferson Jr. High School) and for Shaw. Interested residents are invited to testify, though they are encouraged to do so in writing in order to speed up the hearing process.

The plan modifications will then go to the full Council for final action on April 15th. This should leave time for the Redevelopment Land Agency to seek and select developer proposals in time to meet HUD's funding deadline of June 30th.

PUBLIC HOUSING RENT STRIKE:

The strike started in 1969 on the occasion of a rent increase which would have caused many tenants to pay rent well above the 25% of income which Congress felt should not be exceeded. The increase was particularly resented because of the National Capital Housing Authority's bad maintenance record evidenced by the thousands of housing codes violations on record against them.

Of about one hundred strikers in Southwest, forty-one have not settled with NCHA. The others paid one fourth of their back rent down and the rest in installments. They received jury trials and the jury stipulated that their back rents due should be reduced by amounts to compensate them for bad maintenance.

Six of the remaining forty-one strikers have been tried without a jury and after a prolonged legal struggle, Judge McArdie ruled that they must pay 90 to 100% of rent owed. NCHA demanded payment immediately or threatened eviction. S.W. Neighborhood Assembly, S.W. Community House, Waterside Tenants Council and S.E. Community House took the lead in trying to assist the tenants involved. Many of them faced a desperate problem because of the numbers of children involved. Mrs. Ruth Barnes, who is ill a great deal, has seven children; Mr. Charles Larkin, who is blind, has eleven.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO: THE SOUTHWESTER

This letter will serve to clarify the request for plan changes reported in the February SOUTHWESTER.

1. Change in Urban Renewal Plan - (3)(B) Height: Add "Except that six percent (6%) of the total allowed coverage of the Town Center Building (Waterside) may be covered by a portion or portions of the building in excess of 40 feet, but not in excess of 130 feet in height."

Explanation: The District Government, in 1966, ruled that the Town Center Commercial (Waterside) Building is a single building. There is one address, 401 M Street, S.W., one common entrance, common utility lines, central mechanical plant and a common garage. The plan approved by RLA required that the Town Center (Waterside) be considered as a whole. District regulations measure building height and coverage as the highest point of a building and coverage as the maximum roof projection. Although RLA had previously approved both the height and coverage and the D.C. issued building and occupancy permits, technically construed all of the Town Center (Waterside) is 130 feet in height and thus could be in violation of the plan. RLA now maintains that there are five (5) separate buildings; i.e., the West Tower, the East Tower, the West Shopping Mall, the East Shopping Mall, and the old Town Center Shopping (Safeway).

2. Residential Areas - (a) Permitted Uses: Add: "or any use allowed subject to the provisions of the Residential C area zoning regulations, including those uses which may be approved in the residential district by the Board of Zoning Adjustments pursuant to the zoning regulations."

The purpose of this change is to clearly permit any use now allowed by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (after hearing) and the D.C. Zoning Code that is a permitted use in the residential areas of the District of Columbia. For example, if a doctor's office is an allowed use in a residential area under the D.C. Zoning Code by special exception, it is possible without the suggested plan change that doctors' offices could be construed to be in violation of the Urban Renewal Plan.

Sincerely,

BRESLER & REINER, INC.

(EDITOR'S NOTE): The SOUTHWESTER understands that Provision (1) will bring the current EPA office buildings into conformity with the Urban Renewal Plan's height limitations. Provision (2) suggests that any uses permitted by the 1920 Zoning Code, which was in effect at the time of urban renewal, would be permitted in the residential areas of urban renewal Southwest, other than Capital Park. In addition to private stables, this might allow hotels, garages, antenna towers to any height, educational institutions, offices of trade associations, and doctors, dentists, and other professional offices.

The SOUTHWESTER has received a number of letters in response to the January article about Safeway's decision not to expand.

J. B. Williams wrote: "I'm sure there is not a single resident of the SW who would not be overjoyed to see a very much expanded Safeway, but I wonder how many will bother to sign the petition. I hope you'll hammer away at this issue so that the vast silent majority will make their voices heard--all they need do is sign their names to the petition which is conveniently located at the SW library."

Nathaniel A. Dickens writes in response to Safeway's past criticisms of the neighborhood: "I agree that vandalism and crime have no place in a civilized community, but these things must be taught. Many Washington teenagers live recklessly in the community because they watched their parents live decently and have yet to experience some power over their own lives. The anti-poverty effort which the majority culture defined and for which it hired the administrators, failed; but that does not mean capable citizens are not in the community. They should be found and supported. Education should once again be considered the way to civilized life."

SOUTHWESTER OF NOTE:

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The Black Repertory Theater will soon reopen it's very successful play "Changes". Robert D. Hooks, the company's Producer-Director lives in S.W. His D.C.-based theater produces it's own plays and dances and runs a theatrical youth workshop. Mr. Hooks, a dynamic personality, is also a well-known Television star.

DANCE CLASSES:

The Southwest Dance Theatre presents summer jazz and modern dance classes: 240 M. St., S.W. (E. Bldg. Carrolsburg Sq.); Monday evenings, jazz 6:30 - 7:30, modern 7:30 - 8:30; 8 weeks beginning May 6th; \$25.00. Write or call Ms. St. Pierre, 201 Eye St., S.W. (484-5722).

MEETING TO VIEW VIDEO TAPES ON THE D.C. SELF GOVERNMENT CHARTER:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

TO: THE SOUTHWESTER

As Chairman of the Assembly during the past eleven months, I have had the distinct pleasure of associating with dedicated S.W. citizens. I have witnessed their enthusiasm, concern and efforts for our neighborhood. I have shared with them both successes and frustrations as we grappled with the continuous flow of issues and problems confronting S.W. From my experience as Chairman and from talking with community leaders, I have some observations and proposals to share.

1. **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** In March of last year, the Executive Board was expanded from five to fifteen members including representatives from the census tracts. The larger board has enabled more persons to be involved in assembly affairs and has allowed more ideas to be furnished at executive board meetings.

2. **THE COMMITTEES:** The committees have served a vital function. Special praise should go to the Parking and Traffic Committee under Adelaide Eisenmann and the Bicycle Subcommittee under Nancy Bateman; the Southwester staff (Edith Apple, Margaret Reuss and Ramona Jones); Kathy Stief, the liaison to Government Agencies; Marion Buelken, Chairman of the Advisory Committee to NCPC, and Terry Maguire, who has been working on the shopping center committee.

3. **ASSEMBLY MEETINGS:** Over the past months attendance at these meetings has vastly improved. The assembly is S.W.'s voice on The Hill, in the City Council, before the news media. By attending residents decide what positions will be taken on issues such as the Waterside Mall, Parcel '76, and the South Capital Street Development. I urge even more Southwesters to come to these monthly meetings.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** This year the Assembly has considered the Downtown Airlines issue, home rule, the needs of youth and growing traffic problems in our area. Waterside Mall has given problems. Members have met with the developer, RLA, merchants, and Safeway executives, have attended Congressional and City Council hearings and appeared on television programs. Many old matters still hang around and new ones will appear.

To handle these problems, the assembly must have an office, a telephone, and at least one paid secretary-administrator. Such logistical support is necessary to communicate with agencies and civic leaders. Contributions by residential developments and individuals, grants and fund raising events are needed to pay the costs of running our organization. I also hope some of those on the present Board will remain in office for continuity. I believe the present structure of the Board will prevent the overburdening of its members, so that many can remain and give Southwest the benefit of their experience and expertise.

I suggest that each residential development send a representative to every assembly meeting to present the views of the development and to carry back specific information to the residents. Finally, the Executive Board should communicate better with the residential developments. Often the various developments are duplicating the work of the assembly and each other. The Board can coordinate projects and disseminate information on such problems as Metro construction and the shopping center. The Board can be a clearing house for information, especially if it has a paid secretary.

Norman L. Blumenfeld

PUBLIC HOUSING RENT STRIKE: (continued)

Mrs. Barnes, explaining her participation in the strike, says she had to use her rent money to buy a refrigerator, which NCHA did not provide, and for paint because she moved into an unpainted house. She also says she has had a number of burglaries because the windows do not have locks that fit.

The community organizations have urged the city to grant a delay in the evictions so that efforts can be made to work out a way in which these families may pay, but the city has refused. James Speight, Director of S.E. House, has organized an assistance fund. Anyone wishing to contribute, should send checks to Crisis 26, Health & Welfare Council, 95 M. Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

NEW D.C. DENTAL CARE PROGRAM:

The D.C. Department of Human Resources has announced a new plan to provide dental care to holders of medicaid cards under 21 years old. Those eligible can go to any participating dentist for preventive care as well as emergency services. They don't have to pay anything.

Doctor Thomas Flavin, of S.W. says the plan gives many people for the first time a chance to have their children treated by good private dentists. He says it would be a shame if people who have neglected their own dental health and that of their children because of expense and lack of available care now continue poor health habits. Those eligible should find a dentist participating in the new "D.C. Medicaid Dental Services Program" for persons under 21 and make an appointment for examination and X-rays. Don't wait for an emergency.

ARE YOU ONE OF THE SW RESIDENTS PURGED FROM REGISTRATION LIST?

Great numbers of people have lost their registration by not voting in recent elections. In Ward 2, which includes Southwest, 1410 Republicans, 4998 Democrats and 1163 Independents and others have been dropped. If you are unregistered, hurry down to the S.W. Branch Library and get yourself in shape to vote May 7th for the Charter and the Neighborhood Councils. Anyone who would like to get out the vote should call: Rickie Orchin, 484-0820 or 265-5771.

CHRISTIAN AWAKENING GROUP:

Are you interested in deepening your Christian Faith? In creating deeper fellowship? Palm Sunday night, April 7th will bring a group of young adults together who are interested in these goals and other ways of experiencing and living the gospel message. The get-together will be held at the River Park South Commons Room, 1311 Delaware Avenue, S.W. at 8 P.M. For more information, please call Joan King at 232-2701 or Father Frank Ralph at 638-5411.

S.W. DAY CARE PARTY:

S.W. Day Care is planning a kiddie cabaret, April 26th, from 7 to 9:00 P.M. For further information call 488-3677. The Day Care Association needs donations of clothing for children ages 2 to 5.

ARTS FESTIVAL:

The 5th Annual S.W. Arts Festival in the Waterfront Park, June 2nd, needs you for planning, donations, and participation. From white elephant sales, raffles, entertainment, art and craft exhibits and/or demonstrations button sales, concessions, publicity to etc, pick one or more; call Andy Besaha at 554-3060 or Claire Davis at 638-6736, or attend any planning meeting every Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. at St. Dominics Church basement, 6th and E Street, S.W.

The Black Repertory Theater will soon reopen it's very successful play "Changes". Robert D. Hooks, the company's Producer-Director lives in S.W. His D.C.-based theater produces it's own plays and dances and runs a theatrical youth workshop. Mr. Hooks, a dynamic personality, is also a well-known Television star.

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PRE-SCHOOL MOVIES: April 2 - In the Forest and Rabbits, April 9 - Lizzie the Terrible and Z is for Zoo, April 23 - Camel Who Took a Walk and Whistle for Willie, and April 30 - Eggs to Market and Peter's Chair.

CHILDREN'S FILMS: April 3 - Where Should a Squirrel Live? and Curious George Rides a Bike, April 10 - Shoemaker and the Elves and Lollipop Opera, April 24 - Pee Wee's Pianola, Place of My Own and People Soup.

THE SOUTHWESTER

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON, D.C.

APRIL 1974

Southwest Assembly Meeting
Thursday, April 25th, 8:00 p.m.
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
3rd and M Streets, S. W.

Election Results---Discussion--- Refreshments
(The ballots and election information are on pages 3 and 4)

VOTE MAY 7 IN THE D.C. CHARTER REFERENDUM

A get out the vote rally will be held in the SW Waterfront Park on Sunday, April 28 from noon to 2 p.m. Mayor Walter Washington and D.C. City Council Vice-Chairman Sterling Tucker will be there along with music and balloons.

NEW LIBRARIAN AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY

Jody Pitsenberger has replaced John Belcher as our librarian. She comes from the Southeast Branch, where she served for 8 years and successfully generated a number of community programs. Mr. Belcher, who served 7 years in Southwest, now goes to Southeast.

NEW LIGHTS FOR EYE STREET

The D.C. Government and the Redevelopment Land Agency have agreed to share the cost of sodium vapor lights for Eye Street, S.W. near the shopping center. No date has been set for their installation.

HUMAN RESOURCES WORKSHOPS

The D.C. Department of Human Resources will hold workshops for community workers the second Tuesday of every month from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The first is May 14th. The sessions are designed to inform the community of the services available from the Department. The public is invited.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY and SOUTHWESTER Accounts for 1973-74
submitted by Roberta Patrick, SWNA Treasurer
(SWNA's fund-raising and expenditures are done in the name of the S. W. Community Council, a non-profit corp. composed of officers of the SWNA)

4/15/73 BALANCE in Southwest Credit Union	-----	\$1,799.42	
BALANCE in American Security Bank	-----	172.54	
		<u>\$1,971.96</u>	
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
SOUTHWESTER advertising income	\$615.52	SOUTHWESTER printing, 9 mos.	\$1,163.49
S.W. Credit Union dividend	34.20	distribution	20.00
		Southwest Summer Day Camp	150.38
	<u>\$649.72</u>		<u>\$1,333.87</u>
4/15/74 BALANCE in Southwest Credit Union	-----	\$1,115.27	
BALANCE in American Security Bank	-----	172.54	
		<u>TOTAL ON HAND</u>	<u>\$1,287.81</u>

LETTERS

To The SOUTHWESTER:

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SW Neighborhood Assembly has tried to keep the community informed and to defend our interests, but volunteers come and go; its only fund sources are occasional benefits; and its representativeness is questioned by officials who know that only a few hundred, at most, attend Assembly meetings.

If the ANC proposal passes, the D.C. Council will undoubtedly designate Southwest as a "neighborhood" and then, if 5% of our registered voters petition, a SW Neighborhood Council can be elected at the next School Board election. For example, we might choose to be represented by a 10-member Council, each member of which would represent a district of some 1600 of our 16,000 residents. This Council of elected volunteers would become the governing body of the SW Neighborhood Assembly, responsible for publishing the monthly SOUTHWESTER and holding regular Assemblies.

Under the ANC proposal, the SW Neighborhood Council would receive a sum annually from the D.C. Treasury equivalent to 50¢ per resident, or approximately \$8,000.00. If we supplemented this with locally-raised funds, we might maintain a community office. There we could keep community records, receive, post and distribute notices, assemble the SOUTHWESTER, and carry on the myriad activities that help make a community lively and satisfying to live in.

Margaret Reuss

TENNIS ANYONE?

The SOUTHWESTER will run the names of residents looking for tennis partners when space is available. If you are interested send us your name, phone number, and a one-word description of your ability: sensational, beginner, average, or whatever.

SOUTHWESTER OF NOTE

The D.C. Chamber of Commerce presented Southwester Percola Devore with an award as businesswoman of the year. Ms. Devore runs the Devore School of Charm.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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ART COURSES IN SW. May 20 - July 12 (Daily). Painting, silkscreening, arts and crafts, textiles (batik, macrame, quilting, weaving, stitchery, etc.). For info and registration forms call Isabelle Davis, 1301 Dela. Ave., N801, 484-0507 or stop by the River Park Office at 1301 Dela. Avenue.

PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING, yardwork, planting, trees and shrubs. Call Kurt Schauffle, 101 G Street, S.W., 737-5695.

TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS (T.A.) for individuals and couples. Join ongoing group meeting Wednesday, 8 - 9:30, Christ United Methodist Church, 4th and Eye St. For information call the Rev. Robert Robey, 299-4714.

ANTIQUe SHOW AND SALE. Waterside Mall, April 26, 27. Furniture, art, jewelry, rugs.

BALLOT

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTIONS

Residents of Southwest Washington (this side of the Anacostia River) may vote on this ballot for candidates for the boards of the SW Neighborhood Assembly and the SW Day Care Association.

You may deposit your ballots in a box at the SW Branch Library from Sunday, April 21 thru Thursday, April 25, during the following hours:

Sunday 1 - 5; Monday 9 - 9; Tuesday 9:30 - 6; Wednesday 9 - 9; Thursday 9:30 - 6. Or ballots may be brought to St. Matthew's Church, Thursday, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. where they will be counted and the results announced at the Assembly Meeting which starts at 8 p.m. NO BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:30 P.M.

For your ballot to be valid, you must insert it in the envelope provided at the ballot box, print your name and address on it and sign it. Extra ballots will be available at the box for those who do not have a SOUTHWESTER.

Mark X
next to name
of candidate

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

OFFICERS (vote for one person for each office)

CHAIRMAN

Norman Blumenfeld Present Ch SWNA; Counsel for Ad Hoc Committee on Shopping Center; handled community relations with Fort McNair; active negotiation on Parcel 76.

Eric Sewell Past Pres. Waterside Tenants Council; Ch Community Action Committee Waterside; Ch Dept. of Social Planning and Management, Howard U Grad School.

Write-in:

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Alberta Henderson SWNA Bd member; member Riv. Park SW Affairs Comm.

Robert Patrick Education Specialist SW Commun. Hse; Treas. SWNA.

Write-in:

SECRETARY

Kathleen Stief Former SWNA Bd member; Co-Ch Riv. Park Scholarship Comm.

Write-in:

TREASURER

Celestine Carraway SW Commun. Hse. staff; community organizer NCHA.

Edward DeVaugn Co-Ch Legal Comm. Waterside; former V-P Tenants Council

Write-in:

(see back for Board candidates and SW Day Care Association Candidates)

BALLOT

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SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY (continued)

BOARD MEMBERS (vote for the number indicated by each census tract.)

Select 3 from Tract 60.01

Sally Alexander	Active in landlord-tenant problems in SW.
Nancy Bateman	Ch Bicycle Subcomm. of SWNA Parking & Traffic Comm.
Barbara Benavie	Administrator Fed. City College; community organizer.
Lillian Linthicum	Ch SW Religious Council; member Cap.Pk. Tenants Coun.
Joseph Jackson	Exec.Dir. CEBO; active assisting minority business.
Write-in:	

Select 1 from Tract 60.02

Clara Brewer	Former Ch.Program Comm. and Treas. SWNA; Health Technic.
Phyllis Martin	Asst.Director, SW Community House.
Mary Smallwood	SWCH staff; basic interest housing; 15-year resident.
Write-in:	

Select 2 from Tracts 61 and 62

Marie Drissel	Native DC; Waterside Tenants Coun; Managemt Anal.HUD.
York Van Nixon	Ch DC Boxing Commission; Bd.Dir. Police Boy's Club.
Father Frank Ralph	Priest, St. Dominic's Parish.
Thomas R. Smith	Rector, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.
Write-in:	

Select 3 from Tract 63.01

Betty Austin	
Nancy Chisholm	Ch SW Community Affairs Comm. Riv.Pk. & Co-Ch School Comm.
Ellen Davis	Secy.Channel Sq.Tenant's Assn; Ch Employee Coun. Navy Dept.
Robert Walker	Admin. Tiber Is. Condominium; retired Col. USMC; native.
Write-in:	

Select 3 from Tract 64

Bernice Gadsen	V-P Syphax Tenant's Coun; volunteer Syphax pre-school.
James Jones	Boy Scout leader; Tenant's Council, 1200 Delaware Ave.
Maggie Lewis	Resident manager, Syphax Gardens.
Magdalen Malvin	SWCH staff; community organizer; SWNA Bd. member.
Write-in:	

SOUTHWEST DAY CARE ASSOCIATION BOARD

Select 4

Anita Bonds	Active SW community; works for S.E. House.
Marion Buelken	Chair. SW Citizens Advisory Board to NCPC.
Dr. Rupert Clark	S.W. dentist.
Jerry Gilliard	Interested in day care.
Pastor Harold Goers	Former SW Day Care Assn. board member.
Dr. Mary Grier	Psychologist with Area C Mental Health Team.
Mrs. Mignon Thayer	Manager, Carrollburg Condominium.
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SOUTHWEST ASSEMBLY MEETING
Thursday, May 23rd, 8:00 p.m.
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Reports on Urban Renewal Plan Changes; Youth and the Waterside Mall
Meet your new Assembly Executive Committee

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

A record number of Southwest residents, six hundred seventy-one, voted in this year's elections. Votes came from throughout the neighborhood: 13% from Capitol Park, 11% from River Park, 11% from Waterside Apartments, 10% from Tiber Island and Carrolsburg Square, 9% from 1200 Delaware, and 7% from Channel Square. One-sixth of the total vote came from east of Delaware Avenue. But the turn out for Home Rule was still better! (See page 3.)

Norman Blumenfeld was re-elected SW Assembly Chairman. Alberta Henderson was elected Vice-Chairman; Kathleen Stief, Secretary; and Celestine Carraway, Treasurer. Census Tract representatives are as follows:

Sally Alexander (488-0796), Nancy Bateman
(628-1883), Joseph Jackson (347-2489)

Capitol Park, Town Center Plaza
(3rd St.)

Phyllis Martin (484-8627)

Greenleaf Annex

Father Frank Ralph (529-5300)
Rev. Thomas R. Smith (488-4362)

Town Square, St. Dominic's Priory,
Waterside Towers, Town Center (6th St.)

Nancy Chisholm (484-8958), Ellen Davis
(554-9347), Robert Walker (554-4766)

Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Edgewater,
Finley House, Channel Square, River
Park, St. James, Carrolsburg Square

Bernice Gadsden (488-1369), Maggie
Lewis (488-1138), Magdalene Malvin
(484-0787)

1200 Delaware, 203 N Street, Syphax,
James Creek old private housing

THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS COMING *** JUNE 2 ! !

The Southwest Festival of the Arts is a community affair -- for those who live or work in Southwest. On June 2, from 1-6 p.m., the Waterfront Park -- at the end of Maine Avenue and 6th Street -- will teem with paintings, drawings, photography, arts, crafts, live demonstrations and entertainment, raffles, white elephants (and new W.E. Boutique), concessions, etc. Admission is free. Proceeds from the white elephants, raffles, and official Festival buttons go to art projects and programs for youth in S.W. To participate BEFORE June 2 as follows: WHITE ELEPHANTS: Donations of items -- small preferred such as jewelry, records, decorator items, kitchen, etc. (no clothing), see contact list-ed in your building or call Vivian, 484-6490 or Barbara, 554-2487. ENTERTAINMENT: call Barbara, 488-1292. VISUAL ARTS: to display or demonstrate arts or crafts, call Karen, 484-5471. CONCESSIONS: call Juanita, 554-4129. RAFFLES: call Al, 347-3675.

The Assembly will again sponsor a Community Social at Law House during the festival. Proceeds will go primarily to The SOUTHWESTER.

The festival rain date is June 9.

----- EDITORIAL -----

During the Southwest Assembly Election there were many charges of voter fraud. After the ballots were counted, the SOUTHWESTER staff studied the envelopes and concluded that there was not enough fraud to have changed the outcome of the elections. However, there were some irregularities, including six people who voted twice, a fact that was missed under the pressure of trying to get results at a decent hour on Thursday night.

Now that the voters of the district have approved the Neighborhood Advisory Councils, we hope that the next elections will be supervised by the D. C. Board of Elections. If not, we hope the Assembly Executive Board will set up procedures that will prevent any fraud.

And for those few people, who in their excess of zeal, violated the regulations -- please don't do it again!

SOUTHWEST ASSEMBLY NOTES

The new Executive Board held its first meeting on April 30th with all members attending. One issue discussed was the need to better communicate with residential developments in order to avoid duplication of efforts, coordinate projects and distribute information. Each resident council should keep in close contact with its census tract representatives. The Executive Board can serve as a clearing house for information on the shopping center, Metro construction, and waterfront projects. Please send copies of letters to RLA, the developer, Metro, etc., to the appropriate representative listed on the front page. The representatives will inform resident groups of issues concerning them.

The neighborhood is now confronted with proposed changes in the urban renewal plan. The RLA staff says the community does not understand the proposals and has sought to meet with each residential group between May 8 and 23. The Assembly Board has appointed an Ad Hoc RLA Committee. It is comprised of Nancy Chisolm, Chairman; Bob Walker, Co-Chairman; Bernice Gadsden and Nancy Bateman. Each residential area has also been invited to send a representative. After discussing the issues related to each proposed change, the Committee will make recommendations to the Assembly Board and residential groups.

A list of Assembly committees and the issues they will be working on will appear in the next SOUTHWESTER, along with information on how to volunteer.

UP-COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM S.W. COMMUNITY HOUSE
by Mrs. Janie Johnson of SWCH Staff

The House is organizing satellite stations to take the blood pressure of citizens in the SW area. Persons with high blood pressure will be referred to the SW Health Clinic, DC General Hospital, or their private doctor. This program is the result of a class at DC General Hospital, sponsored by the Washington Heart Association, in which Ms. Clara Brewer, Ruby Sharp, Beatrice Sharp, Lenora Gudger, Celestine Carraway and Janie Johnson participated. Until the satellite stations are established, we are working through the neighborhood on a door-to-door basis.

Our second annual Fashion Show will be presented at St. Matthew's Church on June 9 at 3:30 P.M. Members of the Adult Sewing Class and the Homemakers Club will model garments made in the classes.

Preparations are under way for our Summer Day Camp program. We anticipate approximately 100 children for the 6-week period beginning after school closes. Boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 13 are welcome to participate.

The SOUTHWESTER is a monthly publication distributed to all residents of new Southwest. To send news, or a letter, or place an ad, please write to P.O. Box 8194 Southwest Station, 20024. The deadline for the June issue is June 10.

S.W. Library is exhibiting the watercolors of Osvald Timmas, a Canadian artist of Estonian origin. The show will be open 1 to 6 pm, Sat. May 18 and 1 to 5 pm, Sun. May 19.

SELF-SERVICE POSTAL UNIT FOR WATERSIDE MALL

Mr. Clarence L. Huginnie reports that the U.S. Postal Service and the Waterside Mall management have agreed on the installation of an automatic postal unit in the Mall. The unit will be located in the east-west corridor, near the garage entrance and stairs in the general vicinity of Goncho's restaurant. He says the new unit will be installed about July 1st. Mr. Huginnie, who was the prime mover in obtaining the unit, is community regulations chairman of TICS, the Tiber Island-Carrolsburg Square tenants council. He says thanks should also go to the developer, to Mr. Chow of the City Post Office, and Congressman Fauntroy and Miss Wanda Diggs on his staff.

BOWEN PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Bowen School is now taking applications for their pre-school and kindergarten for September 1974. Interested Southwesterners should register their children now.

SW DAY CARE BOARD

New Board members for Southwest Day Care were elected during the Neighborhood Assembly elections. The newly elected board members are Anita Bonds, Marion Buelken, Pastor Harold Goers, and Dr. Mary Grier. The Day Care Center will remain open all summer and needs volunteers, either adults or students. If interested, call 488-3677.

NEW RESIDENTS COUNCIL FOR GREENLEAF GARDENS, 1200 DELAWARE

Bobbie McMahon has been elected President of the 1200 Delaware Ave. Residents Council. Vice Presidents are Margaret Taylor and Emmaline Monroe; Financial Secretary and Record Keeper is Vivian Thomas; Treasurer, John Allen; and Corresponding Secretary, Ramona Jones. The new Council and National Capital Housing Authority have begun work on beautifying the interior and exterior of the building. The Board also hopes to improve maintenance, organize hall monitors, and appoint a security committee for the building.

AND NEW OFFICERS FOR RIVER PARK COOPERATIVE

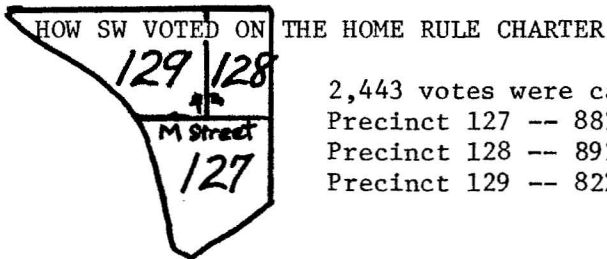
River Park elected new officers in March. Donald Flanders is President; James Taylor, Vice President; and Stephen Gross, Secretary.

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CLINIC OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

Most of the services of the SW Neighborhood Health Clinic, 850 Delaware Avenue, are available to everyone living in Southwest. These services include Pediatric Services for infants and children, Dermatology, OB-GYN and birth control, general medicine, Podiatry (treatment of foot disorders), and a Public Health Nursing Unit. Call 629-5961 for an appointment. Walk-in's are screened before being treated by a doctor.

POTOMAC BOAT TOURS...A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

Potomac Boat Tours will launch their first boats this summer. The National Capital Park Service has approved working facilities at the Lincoln Memorial and negotiations are now underway with RLA, Channel Inn, Flagship and Hogate's for an additional dock in front of their establishments where a passenger could eat, shop or tour before completing their trip. The first phase of the plan will provide an hour tour, beginning at the Lincoln Memorial. The boat will go north to Georgetown, then down the river into the Pentagon Lagoon. From there it will pass Hain's Point and enter the Washington Channel before returning to the Lincoln Memorial. The D.C. Bicentennial Commission Assembly are currently assessing its potential for moving tourists without adding to automotive congestion. The Bicentennial Joint Executive Committee, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Tiber Island Condominiums are among groups that have endorsed the project.



2,443 votes were cast in our 3 S.W. precincts:

Precinct 127 -- 88% for the Charter, 74% for Neighborhood Councils.

Precinct 128 -- 89% for the Charter, 75% for the ANC's.

Precinct 129 -- 82% for the Charter, 64% for the ANC's.

NATIONALLY-KNOWN DEVELOPERS COMPETING TO BUILD LOW-MODERATE INCOME HOUSING; The week of May 20, RLA will hold a meeting, open to the public, when would-be developers of Parcel 76 will present their cases. For the time of the meeting call Mrs. Williams, 382-5341. After the meeting, residents are invited to express their opinions on which one they think will do the best job for the community. Reactions should be in writing to Saul Finn, SW Area Director, 1525 G Street, N.W., Room 927, D.C. 20005.

The RLA Board and Staff will then select the development team which will have exclusive rights for a period of time sufficient to submit detailed proposals for HUD financing.

THE SOUTHWEST CREDIT UNION signed a lease for space in the Waterside Mall on April 26. The Credit Union hopes to move into the new office, which is just inside the EPA entrance near the beauty parlor, in the latter part of June, or early July. For information on joining, call 488-7142.

THE PROPOSED PARKING STICKER PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS will be the subject of a City Council Hearing on June 6. Under the proposal, only residents would be allowed to park on residential streets for more than two hours.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOT LUNCHES, for those over 60 years old, are served at the Health & Welfare Council, 95 M Street, S.W., Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The project is funded by the Episcopal Diocese and sponsored by SW House. To participate call Mrs. Mamie Hemphill, 484-3135.

MRS. HELENA KIRKLAND, who has been teaching in DC schools for fifty years, retires on June 14. A dinner in her honor will be held June 9. Tickets can be obtained at Syphax School.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT JEFFERSON JR. HIGH: Softball (slow pitch) daily 6:30; Trampoline classes for children, Tues. and Thurs. 4 p.m.; Badminton, Tues, Thurs., Fri. 5 p.m.; Tennis 1:30 - 10 p.m., reservations accepted. Men's Annual Singles Tennis Tournament begins May 20. Jefferson and other area recreation centers are accepting reservations for camping in Scotland, Maryland. For tennis reservations, other information, or to join the Jefferson Recreation Advisory Council, call 638-2310.

The SOUTHWESTER will publish names of tennis players looking for partners when space is available. Send name, phone number and one word description of ability to P.O. Box 8194, S.W. Station, 20024.

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CLASSIFIED: ART COURSES in SW. May 20 - July 12. Painting, silk screening, arts and crafts, textiles (batik, macrame, quilting, weaving, stitchery, etc.). For info and registration forms call Isabelle Daris, 1301 Dela. Ave., N801, 484-0507, or stop by River Park Office, 1301 Dela. Ave.

WANT TO STOP SMOKING: Hadley Memorial Hosp. is running a 5-day plan May 20-24. For info and reservations call 562-9800, Ext. 218.

BABYSITTER WANTED: For 7-month old girl in Capitol Park. Mostly Sat. evs. Prefer highschool girl. Call Mrs. Elder, 783-9116.

THE SOUTHWESTER

Southwest Washington

June, 1974

SPENDING THE SUMMER IN SOUTHWEST?

The June Neighborhood Assembly Meeting will provide information on summer recreation in the neighborhood. There will be refreshments and demonstrations by square dancers, karate experts and other recreation groups in the community.

Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m.
St. Matthews Lutheran Church
3rd and M Streets, S.W.

WATERSIDE MALL

On June 10 the RLA Board approved 4 provisions regarding the Mall:

(1) that the 2 towers be recognized as office buildings, thus dropping the requirement for some apartment units; (2) that the maximum permissible ground coverage of the buildings be raised to 60%; (3) that the first floor be restricted to retail and service establishments; (4) that a department store be permitted.

Kathy Stief read the S.W. Assembly and River Park statements which urged RLA to hold the developer to the Urban Renewal Plan which designated the towers as apartments. Granville Woodson, speaking for Harbour Square, argued that apartments were needed in the Mall to provide liveliness in that area at night. However, the RLA Board yielded on this point to the developers' fait accompli.

The community organizations supported the extension of the ground coverage on condition that the required retail and service area on the ground floor be increased and that space for a larger supermarket and for a department store be held available. In the face of strong Assembly opposition, the developers had already withdrawn their request for plan modifications which would have expanded the permitted uses in residential areas and particularly in Town Center. The community organization asserted that this would have posed a threat to the residential quality of the neighborhood.

DRAMATIC TURN-AROUND ON PARCEL 76

S.W. Community House triumphed at the RLA Board meeting in winning the right to be part of the planning and implementation of Parcel 76 housing in spite of an RLA staff recommendation which would have given the development rights to a team from Georgia with no community connection.

Leon Fields, director of the House, described the extensive discussions between the House board and staff and the National Housing Partnership, their first choice as developer, and Foundation for Cooperative Housing, their second choice. There were moving pleas from the audience that RLA adhere to the principle of community participation, thereupon RLA Vice Chairman Davis moved that NHP, the choice of the S.W. Community House, be designated the developer, and the room erupted with applause.

The National Housing Partnership is a corporation created by Congress in 1968 to stimulate the private production of low-moderate income housing.

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It's two partners will be Thomas Harkins, a local development firm, and S. W. Community House. In addition to receiving a share of the syndication proceeds (a lump payment of something over \$30,000 for community uses), S. W. House has entered into a detailed agreement with NHP-Harkins regarding the House role in the planning of the project, in seeking out eligible Southwesterners as tenants, in monitoring the maintenance of the project, and in establishing day-care and other community services for the benefit of the tenants.

To fulfill its role, the House has announced that it will establish a special PARCEL 76 Committee to work with the architect, builder, and later with the project management. As a start, the SOUTHWESTER urges its readers to sit down in their apartments and list the things they wish their developers (whether NCHA or private) had done differently, as well as what they did right. List things that would help in self-maintenance, such as ways of washing windows on the outside, ways of changing ceiling lights, easy entry for shopping carts, etc. Send your list to the PARCEL 76 Committee, SOUTHWESTER, Box 8194, Southwest Station, 20024.

SOUTHWEST MOBILIZES TO PREVENT FUTURE DISORDERS

Most Southwesterners probably read in the city-wide newspapers or saw news reports on television on the rock throwing and looting which occurred on Thursday, June 13, after a Wilson Cruise for high school students. Investigation has shown that those involved in the incident were from throughout the city, not just Southwest. Part of the problem came when a number of students were turned away because they had been sold fake tickets by scalpers. These students then organized friends to meet the boat when it came back. Another contributing factor was the lack of transportation to take passengers from the cruise home and out of Southwest.

Sam Jordan of the Department of Human Resources, reports that a committee comprised of private and government agencies and community groups, including S. W. House and the S. W. Assembly, is organizing a concerted effort to prevent further such incidents from occurring in Southwest. One suggestion from Phyllis Martin, assistant director for S. W. House, is that local residents be hired at the Wilson Line or promoter's expense to patrol the streets on those evenings when the company reports that organizations catering to large groups of youths have reserved the boats.

PEPCO BUYS NEW PROPERTY ON BUZZARDS POINT

Hopes for residential development of Buzzards Point have received a serious setback. PEPCO purchased a tract of land north of Potomac Avenue on May 23 and immediately applied for an occupancy permit. Both the S. W. Advisory Board and the National Capital Planning Commission had hoped the land in question would eventually be rezoned residential or serve as a buffer between residential and commercial zoning. PEPCO, as a member of the property owners' committee of the advisory group, was thought to be aware of this intention. Now, however, the Advisory Board feels there is little use in requesting downzoning.

They have, however, decided to ask the Board of Zoning Adjustments to disapprove any requests either for reduction in parking requirements or for street closings and to ask the Park Service not to dispose of any parcels of land in the area until a master plan has been approved. Both these moves are aimed at preventing the construction of another office building on the Point.

A NEW ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL ... POLITICIANS

There were nearly as many candidates as exhibitors at the S. W. Arts Festival, and a call to the D.C. Board of Elections explains why. So far, fourteen Democrats and one Republican have taken out petitions to represent Ward Two on the City Council. The Democrats are John Dilworth, Benjamin Evans, Samuel Fields, James Haynes, Diana Josephson, Robert Kilpatrick, Mary Madison, Susan Meehan, Kermit A. Miller, Wendall C. Robinson, Charles Richardson, Jr., Richard Westbrook, and John Wilson. The Republican is Timothy J. Bork. Anyone else interested? The deadline for filing is July 12.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

The Assembly wishes to thank the businesses in S.W. that helped with the neighborhood social in Law House during the Arts Festival. The Gangplank Restaurant, now open Sunday 2-10 p.m., donated roast beef, Goncho's Restaurant provided Quiche Lorraine, rolls and mixers for drinks were provided by Safeway, and Harry's donated a case of liquor. Many individual Southwesterners also deserve thanks.

RESIDENT PARKING PLAN

Two members of the parking and traffic committee of the Assembly, Nancy Bateman and Herbert Coles, testified before the City Council in favor of a residential parking program. They hope the Council will have ruled on the program before the next issue of the SOUTHWESTER. They pointed out that commuter parking congestion is as bad in Southwest as in any other part of the city and that the two-hour parking restrictions now enforced on a number of S.W. streets presents a real hardship to many residents. They proposed that each household in S.W. be issued one sticker allowing unlimited parking, and that S.W. residents be hired to enforce the program.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Executive Board of the Assembly has set up the following committees:
Legal: lawyers and non-lawyers to work on legal matters involving the shopping center, Metro construction, waterfront, urban renewal violations.
Social: planning social events for the community and assisting each residential development sponsoring different activities.

Recreation: planning sports events for adults and youth, leagues, improving recreation facilities, negotiating use of Fort McNair facilities, publishing brochure on activities and facilities in S.W.

Youth: develop a Junior Youth Council to help bring youth into the affairs of the Assembly.
Task Force on RLA: shopping center, Parcel 76, waterfront, etc.

Parking & Traffic: biking subcommittee, parking sticker program, parking meters, EPA parking lots, acquiring 2-hour free parking at Waterside Mall, waterfront parking, Metro at 7th and 4th streets and waterfront.

Finance: develop proposal for financial grant for the Assembly.

SOUTHWESTER: enlarge the staff for writing, layout, advertising and distribution.

Education: coordinate the education committees of various S.W. organizations, organize scholarship fund for college students.

Citizen Advisory Board on S. Capitol-Buzzards Point Plan: work with Interagency Task Force under NCPC to create a sectional development plan for that area.
Service Area Committee: work with S.A.C.9 on the provision of city services to the S.W. area, review the capital and operating budgets.

Government Relations: determine S.W. Neighborhood Assembly's relationship to new D.C. government structures.

 Volunteers are needed for all committees; circle those that interest you. Tear off this form and mail to P.O. Box 8194, Southwest Station, 20024 or deposit in box at the S.W. Library checkout desk.

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SUMMER FESTIVAL IN "CHINA TOWN"

An Asian-American Summer Festival will be held the weekend of July 13 and 14 on H Street between 6th and 7th Streets, N.W., between noon and 10 P.M. There will be music, art, pottery, souvenirs and exhibits on Asian customs and holidays.

RIVER PARK SCHOLARSHIPS

The River Park Scholarship Fund raised \$1,650 and awarded three scholarships. The awards went to Darlene Boler, who will attend George Washington University; Lakita Conley, who will attend Albright College; and Tony Bolding, who will attend Washington and Lee University.

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD LECTURE ON TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION

The International Meditation Society will present a free introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation at the Southwest Library on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:30 P.M. Transcendental Meditation is a simple, natural technique which expands awareness, develops clear thinking and perception, and provides deep rest -- resulting in more dynamic activity and full expression of creative intelligence in daily life. For further information, please call 387-5050.

LIBRARY CRUISER

The Library Cruiser will be in Southwest on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer to register people for free library cards, circulate paperback books, and tell stories to children. Anyone who would like the Cruiser to stop at his corner or visit his program or organization should call Jody Pitsenberger or Jacquie Jackson at the S.W. Library, phone 727-1381.

TENNIS PLAYERS LOOKING FOR PARTNERS

Charles Foster, 1311 Delaware Avenue (medium) after July 1

J. Nienaber, 488-3779 (fair)

Maureen Malone, 488-8541 (intermediate)

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SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON, D.C.

JULY 1974

METRO CONSTRUCTION IN RESIDENTIAL SW TO BEGIN WITHIN 30 DAYS

The first metro construction in the residential areas of Southwest is scheduled to begin within 30 days. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority staff says the first project to get underway will be the tunneling on 7th Street from D St. to Maine Avenue in front of Hogate's restaurant, then along Maine Avenue and M Sts. to the station, which will be built in front of the Waterside Mall. The tunnel will be excavated from two locations: the depressed parking lot in front of Hogate's and a parking lot on the corner of 6th and M Streets in front of one of the Town Center buildings.

Construction of the Metro station, a 600-foot long station in front of Waterside Mall on M Street, will begin in October 1974. This construction will be by the "cut and cover" method, meaning that M Street will be covered by boards, probably for about two years. The Metro Project Manager said at no point will traffic on M Street be interrupted.

The Tiber Island Condominium Association, after filing suit, has reached an agreement with Metro placing certain limitations on the construction. Metro has agreed to place adequate fencing around construction sites and to keep the sites neat, to limit trucking to the hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and to keep noise levels of other operations within certain specified limits.

ZONING COMMISSION CONSIDERS PERMANENT ZONING FOR SW URBAN RENEWAL AREA

The D.C. Zoning Commission is now trying to work out permanent zoning for the urban renewal areas of Southwest. At present, control of land use in the area comes under the Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA), which has only limited enforcement authority. Mr. Najmuddin Ahmed, Project Planner for the zoning unit of the Office of Planning and Management, says the staff is trying to set up zoning that is as close to the present uses of the land as possible. He also said that the Urban Renewal Plan will remain in existence for another 20 years and, in cases where it conflicts with the new zoning, the more restrictive regulation will apply.

The Zoning Commission staff promises to hold a number of meetings with area residents to discuss the plan. It hopes all differences will be worked out by the time formal zoning commission hearings are held early this fall. At an initial meeting between zoning commission staff and the SW Neighborhood Assembly's RLA task force, residents pointed out that it will be difficult to fit present land uses into the normal zoning categories. Under the Urban Renewal Plan developers were allowed unusually high density in some hi-rises so that they could afford large, open, green areas. The task force asked the zoning commission to consider applying Planned Unit Development to the area rather than normal zoning. The two groups will meet again on July 29th.

CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR AREA STUDENTS

Since Western High School in Georgetown, the high school which has served Southwest, is being changed into a special School of the Arts, this year's graduates of Jefferson Jr. High were given a choice of five other schools. The ninth graders were allowed to pick between Anacostia, Eastern, Cardoza, Springarn and Dunbar High Schools. Southwest students who finished the tenth or eleventh grades at Western will continue there until they graduate.

Mr. Vincent Reed, Assistant Superintendent in charge of Secondary Schools, says he hopes that by next June the high school districts will be rezoned. He said that Southwest may be placed in the Anacostia High School district since that is the closest school, but he emphasized that no decision has been made.

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THERE WILL BE NO SOUTHWESTER ASSEMBLY MEETING IN JULY. THE AUGUST ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH AND WILL PRESENT CANDIDATES IN THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY ELECTIONS. THE AUGUST SOUTHWESTER WILL CONTAIN STATEMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR WARD TWO CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

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SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The D.C. Department of Recreation is running a day camp in Landsburg Park, Mon.-Fri. from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. through Aug. 24. The campers are divided into three age groups: 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15. Programs include crafts, field trips, music, and free lunch. For information call Amos Thornton, 829-3276; Debra Wildy, 638-2310, and Doris Harrison, 484-1750.

FREE exercise and dance classes...an hour of each. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 6th and M; Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Randall Rec. Center, Eye and S. Capitol. For information call Mary Ann Bailor, 554-4034.

Other recreation programs are available at all recreation centers in SW, a number of churches and SW House. For a booklet listing these programs call SW House, 488-7210.

RESIDENT PARKING PROPOSAL AT CRITICAL STAGE

The proposal to restrict non-resident parking on the streets of Southwest is expected to pass the City Council within the month. Final approval by the Mayor, however, is not assured. Under the plan, all residents would be given stickers for their cars enabling them to park on SW streets as long as and at any time they wish. Non-residents would be limited on week days between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 2-hour parking.

The Mayor has yet to take a stand on the plan. The SW Assembly urges interested Southwesterners to write him asking for his active support. Anyone with questions about the plan should call Nancy Bateman, 628-1883 or 393-4614.

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Dr. Barkev Kibarian, former President of Husson College, Bangor, Maine, has been named President of Southeastern U. at 501 Eye St., S.W. Southeastern gives evening classes for degrees in business administration and accounting.

LIBRARY FILMS

SW Library shows films to school children every Wed. at 3:30. The new children's librarian, Yema Tucker, says she is also willing to show films to pre-school children on Tues. at 10:30. If anyone is interested, call 727-1381.



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SEMINARS IN HOW TO HANDLE GRIEF. Wednesday nights, starting Aug. 7 for 5 weeks. First session free. 7 - 9:30 p.m., SW Library. Following sessions \$5.00 each. Leaders: Rev. Charles Demere, an Episcopal minister working for HUD, and Ruth Money. For info call 755-6274 (days) or 337-4428 (eves.).

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Hear the Democratic Candidates for Ward Two City Council

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

Statements by most of the candidates in the September 10th primary appear on the inside pages of this issue of the SOUTHWESTER.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING HELD ON WATERSIDE MALL

Congressman Charles Diggs held an informal hearing on the Waterside Mall Shopping Center on July 30. The developer and representatives of the Merchant's Association, Southwest House, and the Assembly, all spoke for ten minutes followed by questions. The developer said none of the second floor will be used for stores. However, there is space in the northeast corner for a department store, such as Korvettes or Zayres, if one would come, and the southeast corner is being offered to a "large retailer." The neighborhood representatives again objected to the towers being used entirely as offices. This matter is now before the City Council.

REVEREND CARROL YINGLING TO LEAVE SOUTHWEST

Southwest is losing one of its most active leaders on September 1st when Reverend Carrol Yingling, Minister of Christ Methodist Church, moves to Baltimore. Reverend Yingling has been appointed the administrator of 70 Methodist Parishes on the west side of Baltimore. In his 5 years in Southwest Washington, Rev. Yingling has served as area representative on the Bi-Centennial Assembly, on the Boards of the Neighborhood Assembly, SW Community House, SW Credit Union and Capital Head Start, and as Chairman of the SW Arts Festival. He is also Chairman of the Steering Committee of the D.C. City Bi-Centennial Celebration. Rev. Yingling says his new job has exciting possibilities, but it is very hard to leave Southwest. And he promises he'll return.

RLA MEETING ON POTOMAC BOAT TOURS

The Redevelopment Land Agency Board will hold an open meeting on allowing Potomac Boat Tours to operate sightseeing boats from SW on Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. Saul Finn of the RLA Staff will hold a public meeting, to answer questions, in Southwest sometime before the Board Meeting.

FAMILY DAY IN LANDSBURG PARK featuring rides, entertainment, and refreshments, on Saturday, August 31, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The day is sponsored by the Neighborhood Planning Council Area #17. All Southwest residents are invited.

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The candidates in the September 10th Democratic Primary for the Ward Two City Council seat were each invited to submit a two hundred word statement to the SOUTHWESTER. Eight of the ten remaining candidates sent us a statement. They are listed below. The order was determined by drawing names out of a hat.

JOHN WILSON: John Wilson has devoted most of his life to groups and activities that work for and with people. He is presently the Associate/Legislative Director of the National Sharecroppers Fund -- a 37-year old non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor. John has been involved in most of the District's local elections, was a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and coordinated various local and national civil rights activities. John founded the Democratic Reform Committee, was campaign coordinator for the Committee to Support the Charter and Neighborhood Advisory Councils and is presently on the Executive Committee of the Democratic Central Committee.

John feels that this city must reorder its priorities, cut bureaucratic waste and ensure maximum return on each tax dollar. "Education, crime, drugs, economic development, unemployment, health and housing are interrelated issues. Concentrating on just one of these will not solve this city's problems -- a comprehensive approach is necessary."

John believes the Advisory Neighborhood Councils are an important factor in developing a comprehensive plan to deal with the District's problems. "Any delay in implementing the ANC's will hamper an effective and comprehensive program of seeking out creative alternatives and initiating changes that will result in a better city for all of us."

SUSAN MEEHAN: Southwest residents have been neglected. You know it and I know it.

If you elect me, I will fight to end this neglect, just as I have successfully fought Congressional and municipal indifference to neighborhood rights within this ward for ten years.

The spineless D.C. bureaucracy has backed off from its responsibility to you, the citizenry of Southwest -- for example in dealing with the developer of Waterside Mall. It has not forced the developer to comply with the laws of our city, much less the intent of these laws.

I am not a part of, nor an apologist for this city's administration. What I am skilled in is making the government work for, not against its citizens. I developed the strategy and helped lead the successful campaign for the Dupont Circle downzoning that will preserve low and moderate income, low-rise housing in that area. I have worked in four neighborhood associations to make Washington a better place to live.

I promise you all my experience, all my skill in fighting for your rights as DC and Southwest residents.

CHARLES RICHARDSON: I am a native Washingtonian and a lifetime resident of Ward 2.

I have a wealth of experiences that range from a 15-year career as a professional singer, booking agent and businessman, to active participation in the civil rights struggle of the sixties for equality and justice for all. This led me to my involvement in the policy and advisory positions on various boards and commissions of the D.C. government, having been a victim of the hardships and injustice that fell on ethnic, minority, and disadvantaged poor groups of America. I have dedicated myself to become a part of the solution to those problems in the spirit of the American dream and tradition. I'm a strong believer in participatory democracy, which is demonstrated by my service to the community and city of Washington, as chairman of the Model Cities Commission working on solutions to such problems as housing, education, and training programs since 1968. As chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, I introduced restitution for victims of crime.

I have the experience and knowledge for the inner operation of the D.C. Government and I am asking for your support in order that I can continue to be of service to you in Ward 2. I am asking to be placed in a position where I have the authority to act, rather than being placed in an advisory position.

JAMES R. HAYNES: Residents in Southwest have indicated to me that among their greatest concerns are the following: improved maintenance and management of Greenleaf and Syphax Housing Projects; corrective action in Waterside Mall Shopping Center; more police personnel on foot; moratorium on condominium conversion; conversion of Jefferson to Senior High; realistic rent control -- not 12%.

First, now that the National Capital Housing Authority is part of the District Government, I, as Councilman, would allocate more funds to improve the physical and daily maintenance and management of the Greenleaf and Syphax Projects.

Second, the newly elected City Council must legislate the necessary improvements needed in the Mall. I favor another supermarket, a hardware store and vital services. Third, the safety of your person and property can be enhanced if more police personnel are put on foot -- that's my position! Fourth, there should be a moratorium on condominium conversion until meaningful regulations can be developed. Fifth, Southwest needs a Senior High; I favor converting Jefferson into such. Sixth, the recently enacted rent control law favors the vested interests. If you elect me to the City Council I will fight to lower the 12 per cent figure!

DIANA JOSEPHSON: Home Rule gives us a new opportunity to improve our city. I want to represent Ward 2 on the City Council because I will be able to fight more effectively for a responsive and accountable District Government which provides quality services. I offer broad experience gained since 1959 as a neighborhood leader (Adams-Morgan and now Southwest), practicing law (Covington & Burling), running District Government programs (Youth Programs and Service Area System), and as a City Council staff member.

My priorities for Ward 2 residents are (1) decent and reasonably priced housing; (2) increased economic independence; (3) full participation in government decision-making through the Advisory Neighborhood Councils and through representation on all Advisory Boards; and (4) improved quality of all government services. To me, good government includes aggressive business development, good public transportation, adequate health care, clean air and water, clean neighborhoods, effective and humane correctional programs, outstanding public education, increased personal safety, and consumer protection. We must also meet the special needs of youth, senior citizens, women, and other minority groups.

My priorities for Southwest include stores serving our neighborhood's needs, improved maintenance and security in public housing, a completed urban renewal plan, additional day care and recreation programs, and residential sticker parking.

MARY MADISON: In our efforts to meet community needs we must not view problems or solutions singularly. Too long we have taken this singular, crisis-oriented approach to problem-solving.

As Councilwoman for Ward Two, I will seek first to establish city-wide goals and policies ensuring that Ward Two considerations are addressed. Our children will continue to have problems in Ward Two schools until city-wide school issues are addressed. This applies to all other areas with which we are concerned: day care, criminal justice, transportation, housing, to name just a few. There are only short-cut solutions to these problems at the ward level. A comprehensive planning approach with long-range solutions are my concern. We must first determine, as a city, where we want to go, how to get there, when to get there.

In the coming months, we will be making far reaching budgetary decisions. Be

mindful that how we spend our money reflects policy judgment and, in turn, priority programs.

As Councilwoman I would make every effort, either through direct legislation, negotiations, or persuasion, to address integrated program planning and service delivery to and for the citizens of this ward and, ultimately, this city.

BENJAMIN L. EVANS: Benjamin Evans is an attorney-at-law, in practice with his brother, Dorsey Evans. He is also a staff attorney (part time) at the Legal Aid Society. He worked his way through the University of Kansas, majoring in pre-medicine and German; he was a German linguist for three years overseas with the U. S. Army Security Agency; he was a federal employee (Library of Congress, HEW, EPA) for six years; graduated from law school (North Carolina Central University) with honors.

Evans believes that the major concern of the new city government should be a strong economic base in order that more and improved services can be provided residents without undue tax burdens. The top three priorities should be improved schools and colleges, more effective and equitable enforcement of rent control legislation and tenant rights, and safe and sanitary housing for everyone.

Evans also believes that the City Council should insure adequate citizen input in comprehensive planning for the city. The Neighborhood Advisory Council is an excellent concept to insure such citizen input. However, no set procedure will work unless the citizens elect those candidates who appear most likely to respond to their needs. Public hearings should be held generously and the citizens should be kept abreast of the city plans being made in their behalf.

RICHARD WESTBROOK: The major concerns of our new government should be in the fields of housing, education, public safety, transportation, consumer protection, and environmentally sound urban redevelopment for jobs and tax base.

With effective planning and development, new in-town full-service residential communities can be constructed for all income groups, and existing residential and commercial areas can be improved, protected and preserved. For education, special classes and schools to deal with specific needs and basic skill programs of every student should be expanded, and a year-around work/school program established. For public safety, quicker police response to crimes is needed, as are improved rehabilitation programs for offenders, and programs to help young people before they get into trouble. Better Metrobus service and a parking sticker program for residents are needed now, as is better consumer protection.

For an adequate citizen input in planning, the Mayor should establish a Planning Policy Task Force consisting of members representing each of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils. The Task Force would provide policy and plan guidance to government planners.

For other issues and citizen concerns, the ANC's should also play a strong role. Their ability to perform this function will depend on full-time staff help, a neighborhood office and active membership.

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WATERSIDE MALL DEVELOPERS SAY POTENTIAL TENANTS INCLUDE THREE LARGE STORES

The developers of Waterside Mall, Bresler and Reiner, Inc., say they are in final negotiations with a store that would use between 30,000 to 35,000 square feet of space. They say the potential tenant wants to carry food services (groceries) and in addition a broad range of goods including but not limited to hardware, clothing, garden supplies, hard and soft goods, TV and radios, records, toys, school supplies, notions, books, cosmetics, auto accessories and small furniture items. In addition, they say they are actively negotiating with a junior department store/variety store such as a J.C. Penny or K Mart of Woolworth and a junior specialty department store such as Jelleff's, Woodward & Lothrop or Raleigh's. They have asked the Redevelopment Land Agency for a letter stating that these uses are permitted under the urban renewal plan.

The developers also say that they think there is a good chance that Safeway will enlarge and remodel their store, expanding into the space previously occupied by the cleaners and Jefferson Savings & Loan.

Further construction at the Mall is now being held up pending City Council approval of the four changes in the urban renewal plan approved by RIA and NCPC. A member of the City Council staff says it is not certain that the present City Council will have time to consider the changes before leaving office on January 1.

SOUTHWEST CRIME RATE RISES MORE RAPIDLY THAN RATE FOR CITY AS A WHOLE

The number of crimes reported in Southwest rose by 20.3% between the first 6 months of 1973 and the first 6 months of 1974. This compares to an increase of 4.6% for the city as a whole between those two periods.

The increase was highest, 40.5%, in non-residential Southwest, that area west of 7th St. and north of E St. In the non-urban-renewal area east of Delaware Avenue, the increase was 24% while in the urban renewal residential area it was only 9%. However, within that area the Carney Block* which includes Finley House, Edgewater, Harbour Square, Tiber Island-Carrollsborg, Channel Square and River Park showed an increase of 183%. These figures merely show short-run change; they say nothing of the rate of crime in relation to population density. In a later issue, The SOUTHWESTER will provide a comparison between the crime rates in other parts of the city and those in Southwest.

A community meeting is being called by a committee of concerned citizens for Saturday, September 28 at 11am to discuss the police role, what individual citizens can do, and what we as a community must do to deal with this problem. The meeting will be held at the Southwest Library.

For further information call 833-3463.

* The city is divided into numbered Carney Blocks for the purpose of reporting crime statistics.

BUS SERVICE NOW OFFERED FROM SW TO UNION STATION

Metro bus route M-2, which used to run between the Senate Office Building and 4th and P Streets, S.W., has been extended on its north end to Union Station and its south end to Buzzard's Point (2nd and V Streets, S.W.). The new service began on September 1st. The bus will operate at 30 minute intervals between 6:45 A.M. and 6:45 P.M. on weekdays only. Timetables are available at all public libraries, as well as through the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

CITY TO HOLD YEARLY BUDGET HEARINGS IN OCTOBER

Residents of Service Area Nine will have a chance to express their views on the City's operating budget and capital improvements programs at hearings in the Southwest Public Library on the evenings of October 15, 16, and 17. The schedule indicating which city programs will be discussed on each of the three nights has not been made public. Anyone interested in attending should call Kathy Stief, the Assembly's liaison with D. C. Government agencies, who will have the schedules when they are provided by the city (484-8134).

LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS ON PARCEL 76

A George Washington University law student, Donata Edwards, has been assigned to assist the SW Community House with regard to the law suits which have been brought to halt housing development on Parcel 76. This is the land in SW between the SW Freeway and Jefferson Jr. High School. SW House is a limited partner in the development team selected by the Redevelopment Land Agency last May. Their plans for erecting some 150 units of moderate rental housing have been brought to a standstill by 2 law suits challenging RLA's action. One has been filed by a small group of neighborhood residents and one by General Quesada of L'Enfant Plaza.

NEW LOCATION FOR COMMUNITY HOUSE

SW House is in the process of negotiating with PEPCO for a house at 156 Q St., S.W., which once belonged to Julia Hall of the old Hall's Restaurant. The house was sold to PEPCO last March as part of a larger land deal. PEPCO has indicated willingness to sell it to the Community House which will soon be forced to move from its rented quarters on S. Capitol St. because of urban renewal. SW House would pay for the house with its building fund which was raised through the generosity of the SW community. However, Leon Fields, the house director, says there is still a great need for volunteers to assist in the extensive renovation needed. The house was vandalized completely after it became empty at the time of the PEPCO purchase. Specifically needed are people with carpentry, painting, and plumbing skills, as well as contributions for the purchase of equipment.

CLASSES AND OTHER FORMS OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT

YOGA classes are resuming at River Park, 1311 Delaware Avenue, S.W. Days: Tuesday, 10 - 11:30 A.M. For information call Dalys, 484-3859. Evenings: tentatively scheduled for Thursdays, depending on demand. Call Helen, 484-8222.

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION. Free introductory lecture at SW Library, October 1, 7:30 P.M. For information call 387-5050.

STOP SMOKING by the 5-day plan. The next session at Hadley Memorial Hospital is Sept. 30 to Oct. 4. Call J. L. Butler, 562-9800, ext. 218.

BADMINTON STARTS THURSDAY NIGHT OCT. 3 AT JEFFERSON

Badminton will be played in the Jefferson Junior High School gymnasium, Seventh and Eye Streets, S.W., on Thursday evenings this winter. Benjamin Anderson, Director of the Jefferson Recreation Center said the new program is in response to numerous requests from the Southwest Community.

One court will be available from 7 to 10 p.m. and two courts from 8 to 10 p.m. All levels of badminton experience are welcome. The age limits are from 16 years to ?????.

The kickoff night, October 3, will begin at 8 p.m. Following registration, a movie illustrating how to play badminton will be shown and refreshments will be served. Games will be made up from the registration list. Shuttlecocks and racquets will be furnished by the Recreation Department.

Tennis enthusiasts, looking for a way to keep in shape during the winter months, are invited to participate. And we are told they will be surprised that badminton requires even more energy than tennis.

To register in advance call Mr. Anderson at 638-2310.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT APPOINTS PRE-RENEWAL SW RESIDENT AS AREA DIRECTOR

The D. C. Recreation Department has appointed Sidney Schulman as permanent area manager for Service Area Nine. The job involves supervising eight recreation centers, including the five in Southwest. Caroline Saunders has been assigned as assistant area manager. Mr. Schulman, whose offices are at the Jefferson Jr. High School, worked in the area nine years ago as assistant area manager. But he has known the area much longer than that. He lived at 3rd and Eye Streets when he was in high school.

REGISTRATION FOR COOPERATIVE PLAY PROGRAM UNDER WAY AT KING-GREENLEAF

A play program for children 3 to 5 years old is now being organized at the Martin Luther King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. The program will take place for two hours on weekday mornings. Interested parents should register with the persons in charge at the Recreation Center, 203 N Street, S.W.

BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO THE SERVICE COMMITTEE NINE MEETINGS

The Service Area Committee (SAC) 9 meets every Tuesday at the S.W. Library at 2 p.m. Representatives of D.C. city agencies sit on SAC and would like Southwest citizens to bring their questions and problems to them. Trash? Street or Lighting Repairs? Police or Fire Department questions? Recreation? Libraries? Schools? Any city services that need improvement or are not being delivered should be brought to the attention of SAC 9.

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THREE IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

- * **WED., Oct. 23**
7 to 9 PM Meeting at SOUTHWEST LIBRARY under joint sponsorship of BICENTENNIAL ASSEMBLY and CITY-WIDE HOUSING COALITION
 - ** to elect 2 representatives to serve on task force to formulate D.C. Community Development Grant Application
 - ** to begin planning for Advisory Neighborhood Councils.
- * **THUR., Oct 24**
8PM SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY at St. Matthews Church, 222 M St. S.W.
 - ** to hear Candidates for At-Large and Ward II City Council Seats.
- * **WED., Nov. 6**
7:30PM SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNITY MEETING at Jefferson Junior High School
 - ** during the first ½ hour neighborhood residents can speak.

MODIFICATIONS TO SW URBAN RENEWAL PLAN COME BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

On Monday, October 21 at 2PM in Room 500 of the District Building, the D.C. City Council will hold a public hearing on RLA's proposed modifications of the Urban Renewal Plan as it affects Waterside Mall. The proposed changes, which seem generally acceptable to the community, are:

1. to remove prohibition against a department store;
2. to require that a minimum of 75% of the rental space on the main floor of the Mall be for the exclusive use of retail and personal service establishments;
3. to bring the plan into conformity with the space taken up by the towers by raising the maximum allowable coverage from 6% to 6.3%;
4. to increase the maximum allowable coverage of the entire development from 50% to 60% to permit symmetrical completion of the building.

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WILL CITIZENS HAVE A ROLE IN DETERMINING THE USE OF D.C.'s COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT??

On August 22, HUD announced the Community Development Block Grants which will replace a number of existing programs, principally urban renewal and Model Cities, and provide approximately \$ 42 million over the next 3 years to be used throughout the city for redevelopment and the provision of community facilities and services. The city government is required to provide citizens with adequate opportunities to participate in the development of the application. The D.C. Office of Housing and Community Development held a citizen workshop for this purpose on October 5. The preparation of information and citizen notification was considered so inadequate that representatives of 70 groups walked out in protest!

To provide for more representative citizen participation, the D.C. Housing Coalition and the D.C. Bicentennial Assembly have announced city wide elections to select 2 representatives per Service Area to work with the Mayor's Task Force which is doing the initial planning and priority-setting. (*See Oct. 23 Meeting Announcement above for this election in SW*)

For further information, call Marie Drissel, 484-3152.

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ASSEMBLY PLANS ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The SW Assembly will sponsor a neighborhood social featuring international food and entertainment by the Hexagon Players, a Washington based group of political satirists on the evening of Sunday, November 24, at Channel Square, 325 P St. SW.

Sally Alexander is chairperson for the event. Clay Cottrell has agreed to be financial coordinator with the help of Ed Devaughn and Celestine Carraway. Sharon Isch will coordinate publicity with the help of Patricia Harris. Ms. Alexander says if the fund raising event is to be a success she will need volunteers who can supply food, beverages, decorations, clean-up, help with ticket sales, or just elbow grease and time. Anyone interested in helping should call Ms. Alexander, 488-0796, or contact any Board Member of the SW Assembly, or write the SOUTHWESTER, P.O. Box 8194, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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STATEMENT BY THE FIVE CANDIDATES FOR WARD II CITY COUNCIL

The Southwester asked each of the Ward II candidates in the November 5 election for a 100 word statement on what they had to offer SW on the City Council. Here are the results:

LEON GIBSON, independent, a businessman and television and stereo technician.

His campaign manager asked the SW'er to take these statements from his brochure. On the issue of methadone, "Mr. Gibson believes in drug-free rehabilitation programs, not just ending one habit and starting another." On housing, "Mr. Gibson believes homesteading can help end the housing problems. We can all benefit by utilizing existing constructions that are standing vacant and condemned...homesteading and tenant laws (should) eliminate the rat-infested conditions in which many low income families are forced to live."

ROBERT GLEASON, republican, an assistant to the Exec. Director of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools.

"My talks with SW residents indicate two issues that stand out as being of major importance—the lack of retail service businesses in the neighborhood and transportation. To provide retail services, I would advocate a program of tax incentives to encourage these businesses to locate within the city. This would not only accomplish the goal of having shopping facilities within easy walking distance, but would also prevent sales tax revenues from being lost to suburbs. In the area of transportation, I would be a strong voice to assure that the needs of the inner city residents are served. We need an equal emphasis on short-haul, surface transportation than is now the case with the major thrust being to link up the suburbs with metro."

ODIS QUICK, independent, a lawyer, equal employment opportunity specialist in D.C. Office of Human Rights.

"Most of the many things promised by candidates or wished for by the citizenry, will not come to pass, except that the Council establish the highest priority for the 'reasonable speed' implementation of the Nelsen Commission recommendations for reordering the governmental structure in the interests of productive economy." "On violence to person and property, the Council...will accomplish little unless the general public finds it possible to divorce itself from the comfortable doctrine of 'no responsibility' thereby signalling a willingness to underwrite the enormous sum of money required by an adequate criminal justice apparatus and related preventive measures." On taxes... "how to employ tax incentives to keep chain groceries within reasonable distance of all citizens...should have the earliest attention of the Council."

SPENCER SCOTT, independent, retired at rank of sergeant from DC Police on disability after 12 years service.

"As a resident of SW since 1969, I feel I offer the best overall knowledge in dealing with the problems...I will represent the interests of our ward first with priorities as they effect SW such as: 1. Crime—tightening of gun control laws dealing with Saturday night specials, hand guns, improved police protection with benefit insurance for victims of crimes; 2. Housing—a moratorium on condominium conversion and heavy emphasis on medium income developments; 3. SW Mall—with the number of businesses going bankrupt, the D.C. Government should push for early completion of the Mall. The developers should be penalized for not complying with the laws as originally planned. Urban renewal should be changed to allow community participation."

JOHN WILSON, democrat, legislative director of the National Sharecroppers Fund.

Mr. Wilson's statement was apparently delayed past our deadline by the US Post Office. The following comes from the statement he submitted to the SW'er before the primary.

"The city must reorder its priorities, cut bureaucratic waste and ensure maximum return on each tax dollar. Education, crime, drugs, economic development, unemployment, health, and housing are all interrelated issues. Concentrating on just one of these will not solve this city's problems—a comprehensive approach is necessary...The Advisory Neighborhood Councils are an important factor in developing a comprehensive plan to deal with the District's problems."

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Oct. 31st 8-11PM HALLOWEEN DANCE —Randall Recreation Center (Plus Programs During the Day at All Centers.)

Nov. 13th 7-9PM SOCIAL— Martin Luther King-Greenleaf Center (Featuring a CORN ROW HAIRDO CONTEST!)

Nov. 21st 7-9PM CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFT WORKSHOP—Randall Recreation Center

EVERY THURSDAY 7-10PM BADMINTON at Jefferson Jr. High School (for 16 years and over.)

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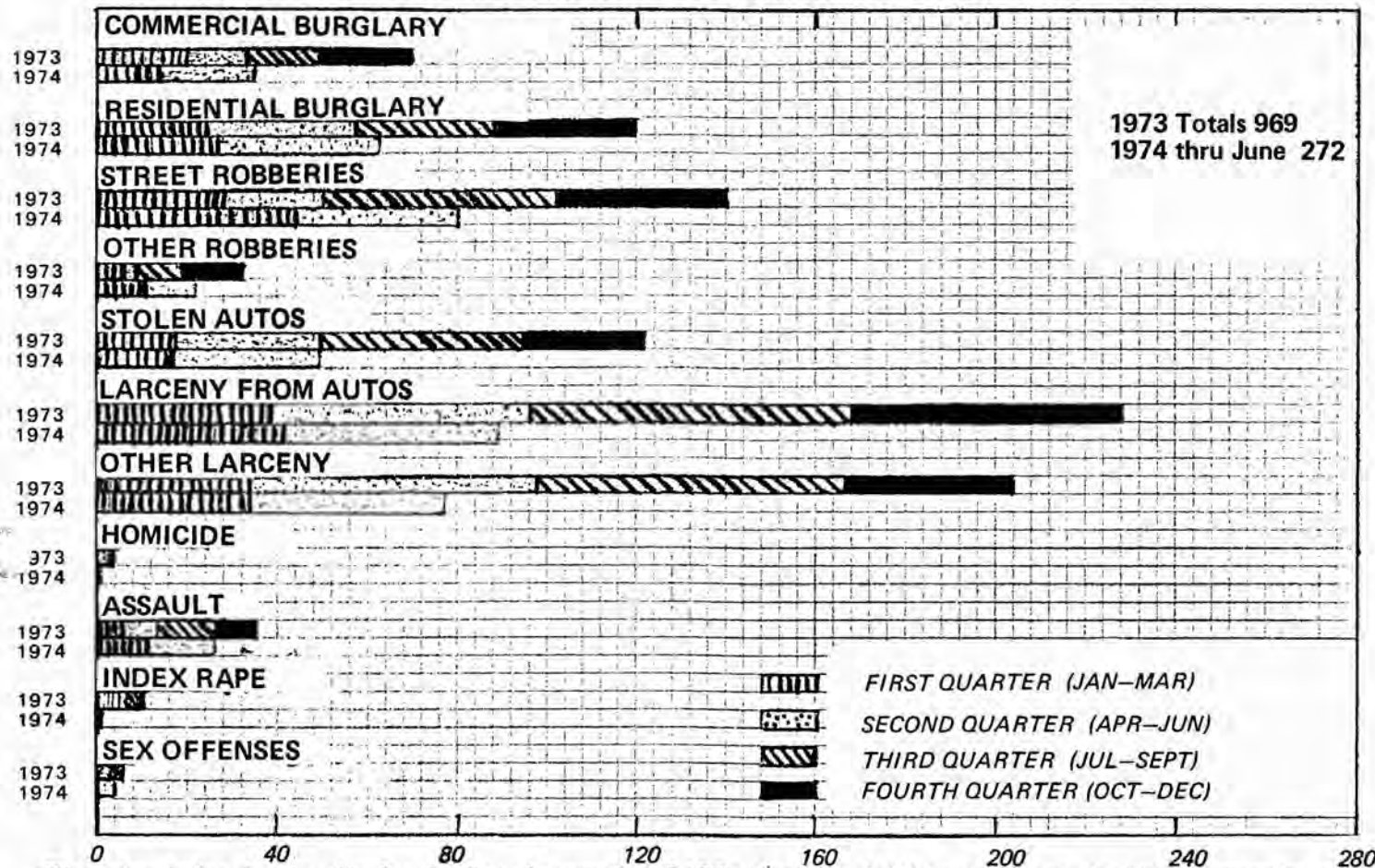
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CRIME IN SOUTHWEST

Last month's *SOUTHWESTER* reported that the number of crimes in Southwest was rising faster than for the city as a whole. The figures were taken from the city's crime index listing—a classification of crimes used in all cities for comparison purposes. Some types of crime, such as drug or traffic offenses, are not included, and, of course, unreported crimes are not reflected in the totals. The eleven classes of offenses shown in the chart below serve as indicators of crimes of most concern to communities. Comparative figures for 1973 and the first two quarters of 1974 for residential Southwest Washington are as follows:

REPORTED CRIME FOR RESIDENTIAL SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON 1973-74



The crime index for the city for the first six months of 1974 showed a 5.2% increase over the first six months of the previous year, while residential Southwest showed an increase of 14%. This is from 431 crimes in the first half of '73 to 493 in the first half of '74. We will use the above graph to report quarter by quarter changes and will also comment on monthly developments if they are noteworthy.

The Citizens' Crime Prevention meeting held on September 29 resulted in the formation of four committees—on Youth Programs, on Police/Security Systems, on Waterside Mall, on Southwest Planning. Discussion moved between the two sides of the problem: security arrangements on one hand, and the frustrations and fears of a poor community faced with inflation and recession, on the other. Berens Co. was cited as failing to respond to residents' requests for replacement of lights in the internal walkways of Tiber Island-Carrollburg. It was suggested that each development do an internal study of the effectiveness of its security system. Capitol Park Condominiums and River Park have already done so. Areas needing improvement were discovered in both developments.

Leon Fields of Southwest House pointed out that requiring black kids to produce a note before they can enter the Mall creates bitterness which may be expressed in violence. Michael Johnson, also of Southwest House staff, stressed the need for social recreation—where are young people to go if they want to do the "bump"—and the need for young people to be involved in all planning.

A follow-up meeting is to be held at 11AM, Nov. 2 in Greenleaf Recreation Center at 203 N Street SW.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The *SOUTHWEST ASSEMBLY* wants to set up a committee to make sure the contractors for METRO are taking all necessary safety precautions. This is in response to the concern expressed at the September Assembly meeting over the danger the Metro construction presents to curious neighborhood children.

The Assembly needs volunteers to run a SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Last year, the River Park Community Relations committee raised money in their development for three SW college freshmen. They had to turn down a number of deserving applicants and hope this year the fund can be expanded to include the entire SW community.

The *SOUTHWESTER* needs volunteer with a car to help with distribution for two hours once a month. Anyone interested in these projects should write to P.O. Box 8194 SW Station 20024.

SW Day Care Center needs volunteers with musical ability (voice or instrument) to demonstrate their talents to the children anytime before 5 p.m.

They also need a lawyer who would volunteer to give them guidance periodically. Anyone who can help should call 488-3677.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AT AMIDON SCHOOL

The children and teachers of Amidon School have prepared a special program for some two hundred librarians from around the world who will tour the school during a conference of the International Federation of Librarians. Miss Moser, the school librarian, has set up a reading-learning program of "Cultural Awareness at Home and Around the World Through Library Resources." Each class has selected a country or culture to study. Children are painting pictures, learning songs and dances of the country they are studying. They will display their work to the visiting librarians on Thursday November 21st between 1 and 3 p.m. Interested members of the community are invited to come see the results.

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Saul Finn, Southwest Director of RLA has asked us to point out that what we referred to as urban renewal along S. Capitol Street in our last issue is not part of RLA's Southwest Urban Renewal Area, but construction by a private property owner.

STATUS OF PARCEL 76 LAWSUITS

The lawsuits brought against RLA by 49 homeowners in Town Square North and, jointly, by the L'Enfant Plaza corporate complex and the Reporters Building, Inc. (owner of 300 7th St. SW) have so far failed to stop the normal HUD processing of the moderate-income housing proposal for Parcel 76.

The plaintiffs contend that modifications of urban renewal plans must be approved in writing by owners or lessees of areas which may be "affected" by the modification, and they claim to be "affected." RLA, on the other hand, argues that the statute applies only to the owner or lessee of the parcel directly affected by the plan modification, in this case, Parcel 76 which is owned by RLA who has already approved the modification.

L'Enfant Plaza has amended its lawsuit to apply also to the plan modification which added 50 rooms to the 100 originally permitted Channel Inn on the SW waterfront.

If the plaintiffs are successful, the result will be to make any modification of SW's urban renewal plan subject to the written approval of all owners or lessees of property in "adjacent" areas. If "adjacent" is interpreted as "nearby," that might include all Southwest. If it means "having a common border," then L'Enfant Plaza is not "adjacent." . . . they claim to be "affected" because their lawsuit alleges they would suffer "great hardship and economic loss" from the nearby moderate-income project. Their attorney, Kenneth Parkinson (one of the defendants in the current Watergate trial) was quoted in the August 1 edition of the Washington Post as saying of the Parcel 76 proposal's effect on L'Enfant Plaza, "The bottom line is a loss in real estate value . . . That's the net result."

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EPA VISITORS CENTER

The Environmental Protection Agency has a Visitors Center on the first floor of the West Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.

The displays on the environment are open daily weekdays from 9-4PM. Group tours and special programs are available on request. Posters, decals & pamphlets are available free of charge.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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EARLY MORNING BRIEFINGS ON PERSONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY are now being offered Wed. mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Southeastern University. The first in the series of free lectures by Robert Long, Sr., vice-president of Johnston, Lemon and Company was Wednesday morning Oct. 16. For information call 488-8162.

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE ON TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION. SW Library, Wed. Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. For info call 387-5050.

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CONTROVERSY OVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

Marie Drissel and Clarence Jackson were elected to represent the citizens of Service Area 9 in planning the city's submission for the first year of Community Development grants. There has been widespread protest that the mayor's timetable, which aims at submitting the city's application to HUD in January, allows inadequate time for citizen representatives and community organizations to play a role in determining program priorities for the first year, and prevents the newly elected City Council from having any say on the matter.

The city can use these new funds to *continue and expand* existing efforts—riot corridor rebuilding under RLA, Model Cities Programs, code enforcement and neighborhood preservation in selected areas—or funds above those needed to complete projects already underway could be directed to meeting *new* needs or to meeting old needs in *new and more effective* fashion.

A workshop on the grants and the housing needs of Southwest has been tentatively scheduled for 10:30A.M., Saturday, Dec. 7 at the SW Library. City officials have expressed the view that Southwest's needs have been adequately met; Southwest citizens may differ with that. The *median* income by Census tract in Southwest ranges as low as \$4587, and overcrowding as high as 63.2%. If you think something should be done about this, come to the workshop with ideas on new development for the S. Capitol-Buzzards Point Area, code enforcement, major repairs needed, financial assistance for lower-income tenants and homeowners, manpower training and employment needs, etc. It is hoped that this workshop will lead to the formation of a housing advisory committee and that each residential group will send at least one representative to the workshop. For further information, call Mary Smallwood, 488-7340 or 544-9539.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES URBAN RENEWAL CHANGES

On November 6th the D.C. City Council approved the four amendments in the urban renewal plan for the Waterside Mall. The changes removed the ban on a department store, make small increases in the maximum amount of the area that can be covered by buildings and require that a minimum of 75% of the rental space on the first floor of the Mall should be retail and personal service establishments, not offices.

The community had raised some objections to this last provision when it was learned that one area on the ground floor had been rented to the government for a distribution center. The city council added a phrase to the National Capital Planning Committee's proposals saying that the 25% rental space allowed for office must conform to neighborhood needs. RLA says they may have trouble enforcing this provision. We'll try to get more details for our next issue.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE— Community Dialogue and Seminar on DRUG AWARENESS

7:30P.M., Wednesday, Dec. 4 at St. Matthews Church, 222 M St. SW. Guest Speaker: John Naugh, director of the Shack Program, 123 K St. SW.

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ACTION ON RENT CONTROL

Any tenants whose rents have been raised by 12.3% or more and whose units are suffering from decreased maintenance or Housing Code violations, should file for a rental decrease with the D.C. Rent Control Commission. Call the Commission (347-4452) for forms, and if in need of help in filing the forms, call Ed DeVaugn (484-6480) or Marie Drissel (484-3152).

Unfortunately, the City government has failed to staff the Rent control Commission adequately, given the provision that they must hear landlord "hardship" cases. As a result, Judge Moore has enjoined the Commission from continuing to enforce the rent control legislation. Waterside Towers Tenants Council has joined a number of other organizations from throughout the city in filing a suit asking Judge Moore to reconsider his injunction.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to contribute food dishes to the International Food Festival on November 24. Call Ms. Borraine Goodwin Brawner 484-8069. Those who bring food are asked to bring at least 10 copies of their recipe on 3x5 cards so they can be sold during the event. And contributions are needed for a silent auction where bidding for the events on display will be in writing. A few items donated by stores and celebrities will also be auctioned off in the traditional way. Those with treasures to add call Virginia Keith 488-7124.

For tickets to the festival call Bob Gentry 488-3298 or sign up at the SW Library.

"SOUNDER" TO BE SHOWN AT SW LIBRARY

The award winning feature movie "Sounder" will be shown at the SW Library free of charge on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:30A.M. and 2:30P.M. Other recent movies shown at the library include the Lady Sings the Blues about Billie Holiday and a film featuring Redskins star Larry Brown. To make sure you don't miss any coming attractions call the library 727-1381 or stop by at Wesley Place and K St. S.W.

The library has designated December as "bring your books back" month. More than three thousand children's books have not been returned and to replace them would cost more than twelve thousand dollars. The library urges everyone to look around their house for overdue books and return them to the library or to the bookmobile which will be at Canal and N Sts. on Dec. 23 and 26 from 3 to 5 P.M.

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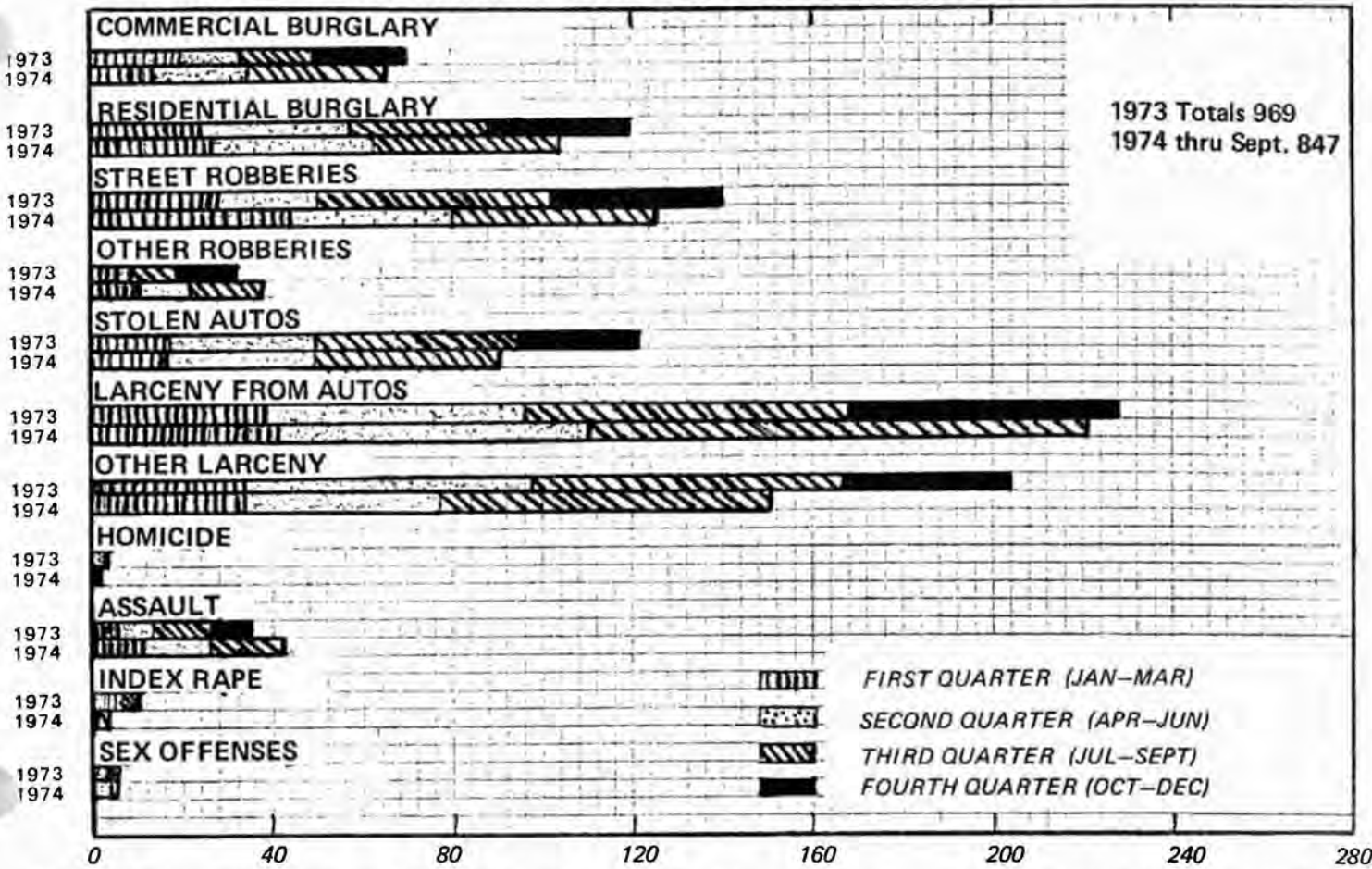
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As a result of a community meeting held on Monday, October 21, 1974, to discuss "should we have a High School in Southwest," it was recommended that a survey be conducted in the Southwest and near Southeast areas to assist in this decision.

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- ☐ ☐ 3. Which school would you prefer?
☐ Randall ☐ Jefferson ☐ Other
- ☐ ☐ 4. Do you have school age children in public schools? If so, please name the school(s)

REPORTED CRIME FOR RESIDENTIAL SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON 1973-74



The graph shows that, although homicide and rape are down from last year, most forms of theft have risen. The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting standards for the United States, which are used for the D. C. Crime Index, employ the following definitions: Robbery is "taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence—or by putting the victim in fear;" burglary is "unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft;" and larceny is "unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another."

REPORTS ON THE ROME WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE
TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST

Andrew J. Mair, Coordinator of Food for Peace, "A.I.D.," Dept. of State, will report to the residents of S.W. Washington on the recent World Food Conference in Rome, and on the future of Food for Peace, at a meeting on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at M and Third Sts. S.W.

Mr. Mair, a resident of S.W. was presented the Distinguished Service Award of the Department of Agriculture in 1971 for his work with International Organizations and in 1968 was awarded the Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award for outstanding service as Administrative Officer in the American Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. Since May 1, 1974, Mr. Mair has been assigned to assist Dr. John A. Hannah, the Deputy Secretary-General of the World Food Conference, at the United Nations headquarters in New York, in making preparations for the World Food Conference just concluded in Rome.

Mr. Mair's report will offer an opportunity for questions and discussion on this crucial world issue which directly and indirectly affects us all. Coffee will be served. Come and meet your neighbors. This program is sponsored by the World Hunger Task Force of St. Matthew's Church.

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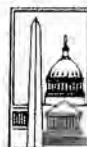
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